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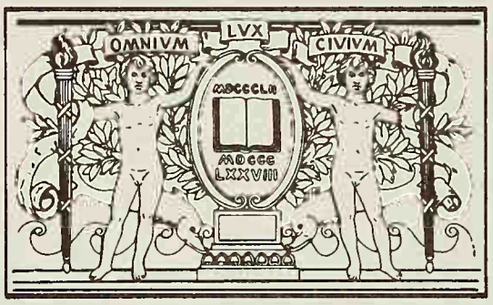

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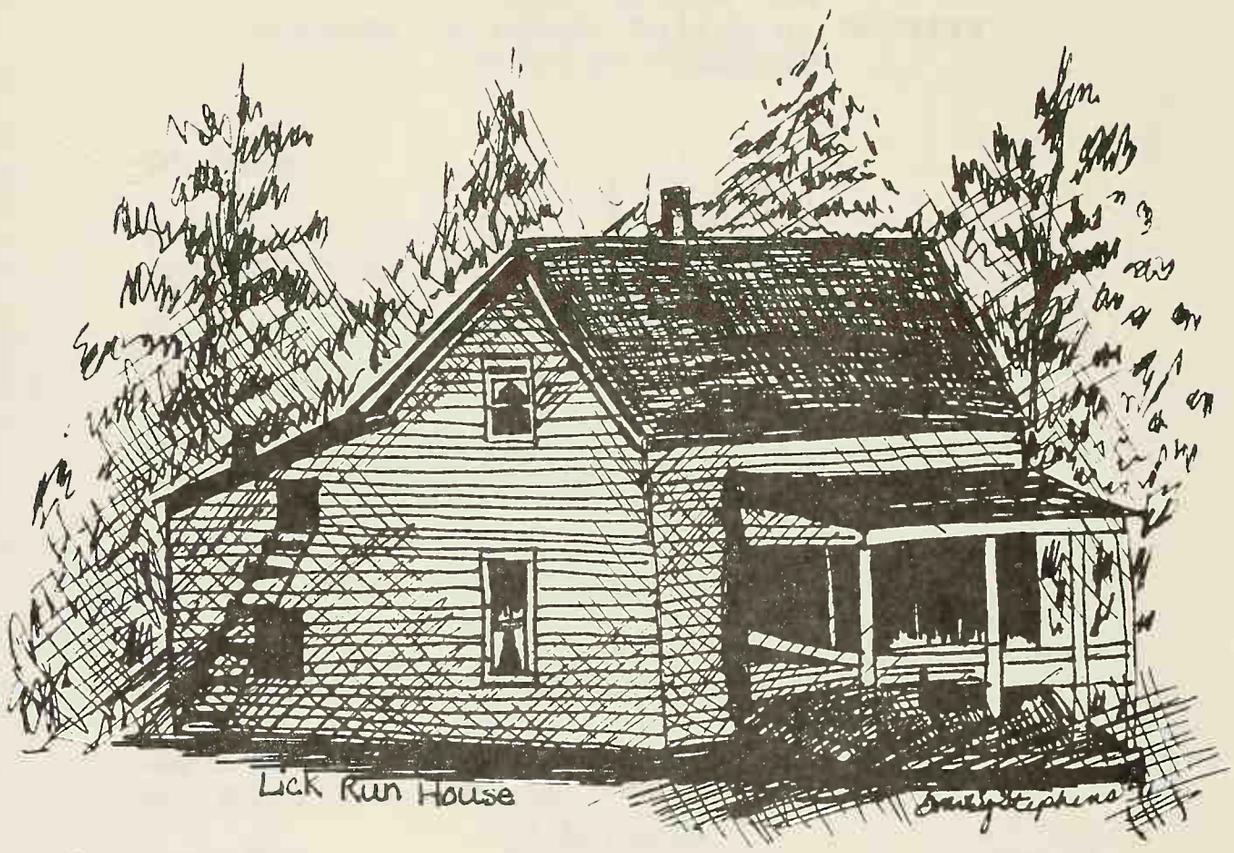

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my mother, Dora Lee (Jenkins) Stephens Allen, and to the memory of my father, Cecil Francis Stephens (1914-1961).

FORWARD

This book has been written mainly for the author's immediate family. It is realized that much of the information on the 20'th. century Stephens families will be of interest only to the close relatives of the author. However, this book does contain much information on many collateral and maternal families.

The author is working on a comprehensive genealogy of the STEPHENS family that descended from John and Lucretia (Gaskill) Stephens which he hopes to publish within a few years. It is hoped that readers of this book will send the author additions and corrections which might be included in future publications.

Care has been used to prepare an accurate history of the Stephens family, however, it is certain that many errors or omissions will be contained within this book. The author is sorry for any erroneous information that may be included, but assumes no liability for damages resulting from the use of the information contained herein.

CHAPTER I.

JOHN STEPHENS (1735-1787)

and

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John STEPHENS, Sr.

FATHER: name unknown
MOTHER: name unknown
BORN: ca 1735
  AT: England
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 2
MARRIED TO: Lucretia GASKILL
  ON: ca 1760
  AT: NJ ?
  STATUS: Widowed
ReMARRIED TO: Fanny BROCK
  ON: 1785-87
  STATUS: Married
DIED ON: 1787
  AT: Freehold, Monmouth Co,NJ
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 7
1) Samuel STEPHENS
2) Edward STEPHENS
3) Thomas STEPHENS
4) James (Shuck) STEPHENS
5) Apollo (Pollard) STEPHENS
6) John STEPHENS, Jr.
7) Stacy STEPHENS

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CHAPTER I. JOHN and LUCRETIA (GASKILL) STEPHENS

SECTION 1.

128. John STEPHENS (1735-1787)
129. Lucretia Gaskill (1744-1785)

John, the earliest known proven progenitor of our **STEPHENS** clan, was born about 1735 in England.[1] John, a blacksmith sawmill operator, and large land holder on Crosswick Creek[2] in Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey, married[33] Lucretia Gaskill about 1760, probably in Monmouth County, New Jersey. Lucretia was born in 1744 in Burlington County, New Jersey, and is the daughter[4] of 258. Edward Gaskill and 259. Elizabeth Lippencott.[5] Lucretia died[6] by 22 August 1785 in Freehold, Monmouth Co., NJ, before her youngest son, Stacy, was seven years old.[7] John soon afterwards married his second wife, Fanny Brock.[8] However, John died in 1787, very shortly after his marriage to Fanny, and she soon remarried to Thomas Emley, Jr.[9]

John **STEPHENS** is listed on the 1778-1780 Tax List of Upper Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey.[10]

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1. Many family histories, letters, and traditions indicate John came to the Colonies from England, however, no primary proof of this fact is known to this author.

2. Monmouth Co., NJ wills. Will #5955M, dated 2 January 1787, recorded 23 March 1787, for John Stephens, Lib. 29, Page 303.

3. Alvah J. W. Headlee, Stephens Family(Morgantown, WV: author, ca. 1981).

4. Elizabeth P. Koleda, Gaskill Genealogy(Prineville,Oregon: Author, 1989), page 246.

5. Judith M. Olsen, Lippincott: Five Generations of the Descendants of Richard and Abigail Lippincott(Woodbury, New Jersey: The Gloucester County Historical Society, 1982), pages 66, 178-179.

6. Burlington, New Jersey wills, Will File #1166C for Edward Gaskill, dated 22 August 1787, recorded 13 September 1796, Lib. 35, page 419.

7. Emma Loar Gaddis, Loar Genealogy(published by author, 1947), page 326.

8. Ibid.

9. Indenture signed on 20 August 1792 in Monmouth County, New Jersey, by Fanny Emley, widow of John Stephens. This reference comes from an abstract written by Catherine R. "Home" (Stephens) McAllister, in which she lists the indenture as page 106, but does not list the Book number.

10. Kenn Stryker-Rodda, Revolutionary Census of New Jersey(New Jersey: Hunterdon House, 1986).

Many members of the Gaskill family in New Jersey were Quakers,[1] but John **STEPHENS** was believed to belong to the Episcopal[2] Church. Thus, it appears that John **STEPHENS** and Lucretia Gaskill were married outside the Quaker Church, for a notation in New Jersey Quaker Genealogy[3] states that "1765, Sept. 5, Lucretia **STEPHENS**, dau. of Edward Gaskill, was disowned, was married contrary to the discipline and rules of the Quaker Church." The rules of the Quaker Church[4] state: "One must take their marriage vows inside of a Quaker Church, and if they do not, and do not return to the religion of their parents within five years, they are disowned by their parents and the church." From the above it is estimated that John and Lucretia were married about 1760, since they were "disowned" in 1765, supposedly five years after their marriage. A marriage date of 1760 also is congruent with the date of birth of their oldest son in 1761.

It is not known with any certainty that John **STEPHENS** was an American Revolutionary War Soldier. The only known possible record for John is the following taken from the Pennsylvania Archives:[5] "**STEPHENS**, John, clothing given by the government, Jan. 1, 1777, when he returned to Philadelphia. Shoes, 1. Breeches 1. Shirts 1. Jackets 1. Blankets 1." Another item in the same reference[6] states "Private John **STEPHENS** under Capt. Parr..."

The known children[7] of John and Lucretia, listen in order of birth, are 128(1) Samuel, 128(2) Edward, 128(3) Thomas, 128(4)64 James, 128(5) Apollo, 128(6) John, Jr., and 128(7) Stacy. There has been speculation of a possibility of two

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1. Judith M. Olsen, Lippincott: Five Generations of the Descendants of Richard and Abigail Lippincott.

2. Emma Loar Gaddis, Loar Genealogy.

3. Ibid. This reference refers to, New Jersey Quaker Genealogy (Ency. of America), Vol. 2, page 233.

4. Ibid.

5. Pennsylvania Archives, 5'th Series, Vol. II, page 187. See also, Emma Loar Gaddis, Loar Genealogy.

6. Ibid, page 675.

7. Letter dated 19 April 1889 from Redding, Ringgold County, Iowa, from one of the children (probably Azariah) of Stacy (son of John & Lucretia) & Elizabeth (Hatfield) Stephens to Stacy Stephens, grandson of John & Lucretia, and son of James & Mary Ann (Stull) Stephens. A copy of this letter is included at the end of the chapter. See also New Jersey wills of John Stephens, and Edward Gaskill.

daughters, Lucretia and Mary,[1] in the family, but no proof has turned up and this seems unlikely.

NEW JERSEY ESTATE RECORDS

The will[2] of John **STEPHENS** was written 2 January 1787 and was proven in Monmouth County, New Jersey, 23 March 1787. The complete text of the will and other estate records are included at the end of this chapter, but an abstract[3] of the will is as follows:

> **2 Jan. 1787 Stephens, John**, of Freehold, Monmouth Co., Blacksmith; will of. My saw mill to be sold. Son, James, land on line of John Antram, of 3 acres, when he is 21. Son, Apollo, land joining his brother, James. Son, Thomas, land along the Island meadow. Son, Edward, land along Thomas'. Son, John, also land. Son, Samuel, house I live in. Son, Stacy, rest of home place. Wife, Fanny, all she brought with her, and L10 yearly. Executors--son, Samuel and my wife, Fanny. Witnesses--John Antram, William French, Thomas Walling. Proven March 23, 1787.
>
> 1787, March 19. Inventory, L192.19.2, made by John Antram and Francis Shinn.

John's will and estate inventory indicates that he was a fairly wealthy man for his time, living in "the town of Upper Freehold, Monmouth Co., state of East New Jersey." He owned much land, blacksmith shop, saw mill, and much personal property. It should also be noted that John spelled his name **STEPHENS** on his will. His name, and that of his descendants, is found to be spelled both as **STEPHENS** and STEVENS in the records over the years, but presumably, John used the spelling **STEPHENS**.

John mentions in his will that his second wife Fanny is to have the use of two rooms in the house, the use of the kitchen, the pump, a cord of wood, etc. Fanny soon remarried and signed an indenture releasing these rights in John's house, which had been willed to Samuel. An abstract[4] of the indenture is as follows:

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1. A handwritten family "history" believed to have been written by Jesse T. Stephens, Box 208, Witkes, AK, was sent by Myrtle Stephens to Mrs. Emma Loar Gaddis on 4 October 1939. This history was titled as Genealogy of the Stephens Family from First Settlement in America to Jan. 1, 1937. This three-page document has much information, some of which is known to be wrong, but also much information which has been confirmed. A copy of this letter is included at the end of chapter II.

2. Monmouth Co., NJ Will #5955M, Lib. 29, Page 303.

3. Calendar of Wills, 1786-1790, New Jersey Archives Series, page 213.

4. Indenture signed on 20 Aug. 1792 in Monmouth County, NJ by Fanny Emley, widow of John Stephens.

This Indenture made this twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Two by and between Fanny Emley, Wife of Thomas Emley, Jr. and late Widow of John **STEPHENS**, Deceased, of the Township of Upper Freehold in the County of Monmouth in the State of New Jersey on the one part and Samuel **STEPHENS** of the Township, county and state aforesaid of the other part, --- releases Samuel from use of rooms in his house, etc.

Signed by FANNY EMLEY

Witnesses:
Henry Moore
Sarah Moore

The will of Edward Gaskill, Lucretia's father, is a very important document relating to the **STEPHENS** history.[1] The will, among other things, gives proof of the maiden name of Lucretia, proof of the marriage of Lucretia Gaskill to John **STEPHENS**, and names the children of John and Lucretia. This will also gives proof that Lucretia died before 22 August 1785. An abstract[2] of Edward Gaskill's New Jersey will is as follows:

22 August 1785. Gaskill, Edward, of Springfield, Burlington County; will of. Son, Job, 1/2 of land and plantation adjoining land of Samuel Barker; he paying L250. Son, Barzillai, L550. Son, Thomas, the other 1/2 of land and plantation; he paying L300. Grandsons, John Stevens, Jr., James Stevens, Appollo Stevens and Stacy Stevens (sons of John Stevens and Lucretia, his late wife, my dec'd daughter), each L5, when 21. Residue and remainder to the 3 sons: Barzillai, 1/2 part and Job and Thomas, each 1/4 part. Executors--sons, Job and Thomas. Witnesses--Joseph Biddle, Sarah Biddle and Stacy Biddle.
Proven Sept. 13, 1796.

Several references have indicated that Lucretia Chetfield married first Edward Gaskill who died in England, and second, married John **STEPHENS**. Obviously, Lucretia's maiden name was Gaskill, as proven by her father's will. The name Chetfield, does appear many times, including a family Bible[3] that was in John's son, Stacy's family. It appears that Lucretia Gaskill may have married a Mr. Chetfield first, and John **STEPHENS**, second.

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1. Burlington, NJ, Will file #11666C, Lib. 35, page 419.

2. Calendar of Wills, 1786-1790, New Jersey Archives Series, page 137.

3. Emma Loar Gaddis, Loar Genealogy. This reference contains the following statement: "Dr. Clarence Wright, a g-g-Son, said he found in his mother's possessions (Mary Lavina Stephens) a leaf out of an old Stephens Bible (supposed to be her father Stacy's.) containing this statement: Loucretia Chetfield, b in England M. Edward Gaskill, who d in England. Lucretia Gaskill m John Stephens of n. Jersey....."

There is no proof of the latter, but it would explain the known facts.[1] Many old notes and letters, including the book[2] written by Mrs. Emma Loar Gaddis, indicates that Edward Gaskill's wife was Lucretia Chitwood and that Edward and Lucretia were the parents of John's wife Lucretia Gaskill. However, this has to be wrong, since it is known that Edward Gaskill married Elizabeth Lippencott 1 August 1732, in Burlington County, New Jersey.[3]

UNPROVEN EARLY HISTORY OF STEPHENS FAMILY

Many early short histories of the John **STEPHENS** family written by his descendants have some details in common, but also many which are contradictory. The information given in this section should not be taken as fact, but only as interesting possibilities concerning the early ancestry of our family.

A document[4] entitled **"STEPHENS** HISTORY" with a notation that it was copied 13 Jan. 1954 for Stacy **STEPHENS** of Mt. Morris (Pennsylvania)....indicates that "Tradition has it or it has been said that in the first place three **STEPHENS** brothers came over from England in <the> early days before the Revolutionary War. The **STEPHENS** people are of English descent."

"One of these brothers settled in New Jersey, one settled in Eastern Pennsylvania and the other one migrated to Virginia. Stacy **STEPHENS** was <a> descendant of the one who settled in New Jersey."

Another document[5] entitled GENEALOGY OF THE **STEPHENS** FAMILY FROM FIRST SETTLEMENT IN AMERICA TO JANUARY 1, 1937, states....."John and Robert **STEPHENS** (Scotsmen) emigrated from England to America about the year 1720, settling in New Jersey at Jersey City. Both being married, their wives being Scotch Women. John was a farmer. Robert a machinist, who afterward became prominent in engine and ship building." This article also states that "John and his wife had eight children, six boys and two girls. Their names being John, Edward, Apollo, Stacy, Thomas, and James. The girls were Lucretia and Mary."

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1. A page of notes entitled "Records of Henry Stephens. Luella Apt., Wayne, Pa.," with a notation at end of page "Copied by C. C. Wright," indicates that John Stephens m. Lucretia Chetfield Gaskill. These notes came from the Lillian Evans files, Greene Co., PA, and were supplied to author by Dr. A.J.W. Headlee, of Morgantown, WV. Note that this statement differs from that of Dr. Wright's in the Loar Genealogy.

2. Emma Loar Gaddis, Loar Genealogy.

3. Judith M. Olsen, Lippincott: Five Generations of the Descendants of Richard and Abigail Lippincott.

4. A document from the Lillian Evans files, received by author from Dr. A.J.W. Headlee, entitled: Stephens History, with a notation that it was copied 13 Jan. 1954 for Stacy Stephens of Mt. Morris, PA. A copy of this history is included at the end of chapter.

5. A handwritten family history believed to have been written by Jesse T. Stephens, 4 Oct. 1939.

It appears that the preceding "history" omitted John & Lucretia's oldest son, Samuel. As mentioned earlier, there appears to be no proof that John & Lucretia had any daughters who survived childhood.

Early New Jersey records[1] show that in a list of "servants imported into this Province - by William Dockwra and brought to be registered this thirteenth day of August Anno DM 1685 are as follows: John **STEPHENS** - Blacksmith, imported 10 Feb. 1684." It is of course not known if this John is perhaps the father or grandfather of the John **STEPHENS** who married Lucretia Gaskill about 1760.

Another interesting early New Jersey record[2] is as follows: 27 June 1755..."Then John Stevens Gaue in his Ear Mark for his Cattel to be Recorded as followeth acrap Cut of Each Ear and ahalf penney on the under Side of the Right Ear. Entred Pr Me John Wall Town Clerk. Recorded to Jonathan Harber." Again, there is only the possibility that this reference is to our John **STEPHENS**.

ANCESTRY OF LUCRETIA (GASKILL) STEPHENS

As noted earlier, Lucretia is the daughter of 258. Edward Gaskill, and 259. Elizabeth Lippencott. Edward Gaskill,IV was born 1706 and died 29 August 1796, in Burlington Co., NJ. Edward married Elizabeth Lippencott 10 August 1732 in Burlington Co., NJ. Elizabeth Lippencott was born ca. 1706 and died after 1748, in Burlington Co., NJ. It should be noted that Edward & Elizabeth descend[3] from many of the early colonial families of the United States, many of whom were prominent in history. Many of the early ancestors were Quakers and much information concerning the families can be found in Quaker records. Lucretia (Gaskill) **STEPHENS** is a direct descendant[4] of 2068. John Endicott,[5] who, in 1628, became the first Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.[6] Other family names in the direct lines of descent include HULET, SOUTHWICK, COGAN, GOWER, and SHATTUCK.

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1. John E. Stillwell, M.D., Historical and Genealogical Miscellany: Data Relating to the Settlement and Settlers of New York and New Jersey, Vol. 1(New York: 1903), page 498.

2.Ibid, page 228.

3. Elizabeth P. Koleda, Gaskill Genealogy.

4. Judith M. Olsen, Lippincott: Five Generations of the Descendants of Richard and Abigail Lippincott.

5. Jane Hayter-Hames, A History of Chagford(London: Phillimore & Co., 1981), page 63.

6. William Crownshield Endicott, Jr., A Genealogy of the Descendants of John Endecott(published by author, 1918).

PREDECESSORS OF LUCRETIA (GASKILL) STEPHENS

The following chart shows the ancestors of Lucretia (Gaskill) **STEPHENS** for five generation. Additional information on many of the families is included in the form of family-group-sheets at the end of this chapter.

PERSON	PARENTS	GRAND PARENTS	GREAT GRAND PARENTS	GREAT GREAT GRAND PARENTS
				Edward GASKILL Sr.
			Samuel GASKILL	
				Sarah PARKER(?)
		Edward GASKILL III		
				Lawrence SOUTHWICK
			Provided SOUTHWICK	
				Cassandra BURNELL
	Edward GASKILL IV			
				John ENDICOTT, Governor
			Zerubbabel ENDICOTT, M.D.	
				Elizabeth COGAN
		Hannah ENDICOTT		
				Samuel SMITH
			Mary SMITH	
				Sarah
Lucretia GASKILL				
				Richard LIPPENCOTT
			Restore LIPPENCOTT	
				Abigail GOODY(?)
		Samuel LIPPENCOTT		
				William SHATTUCK
			Hannah SHATTUCK	
				Hannah
	Elizabeth LIPPENCOTT			
		Anna HULET		

A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF GOVERNOR ENDICOTT

John ENDICOTT, Governor
FATHER: Thomas ENDICOTT
MOTHER: Alice WESTLAKE
BORN: 1588
AT: Chagford,Devonshire,ENGLAND
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 2
MARRIED TO: Anna GOWER
AT: ENGLAND
STATUS: Widowed
ReMARRIED TO: Elizabeth COGAN
ON: 18 Aug 1630
AT: MA
STATUS: Married
DIED ON: 15 Mar 1665/66
AT: Boston,MA
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 2
1) John ENDICOTT Jr.
2) Zerubbabel ENDICOTT Dr.
Burial Date: 24 Mar 1665/66
Burial Place: N.W. corner of Granary Burying Ground, Boston, MA
Occupation: First governor of Mass. Bay Colony

(Sailed from Weymouth 20 Jun 1628 on ship Abigail)
(Arrived in Naumkeag, MA 6 Sep 1628)

POSSIBLE PARENTS OF JOHN STEPHENS

It is believed that (128). John **STEPHENS** was born in England, and that he came to the Colonies when he was quite young. Many old family "histories" indicate that John was born in England, but no proof has been found.[1] If John was born in the Colonies, or came to the colonies when quite young, he may be the son of Thomas and Mary **STEPHENS** of Freehold, New Jersey. The above is only speculation based on a possible fit as to location and age, among other things. Thomas **STEPHENS** and his wife Mary of Freehold had three children Baptized on 3 Aug. 1735: John, Mary, and Thomas. This entry came from the Record Book of the Episcopal Churches in Monmouth County, New Jersey, and is included as a part of The Parish Register of Christ Church, Shrewsbury, New Jersey.[2] The date "from 1733" is listed on the fly leaf of the book. It would seem that our 128. John **STEPHENS**

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1. Jacob Stephens of New Way, Licking County, Ohio, in a letter dated 5 August 1889, to Stacy Stephens of Kansas, asks Stacy if he knows in what County in England their grandfather was born. Jacob and Stacy were both grandsons of John and Lucretia. A copy of this letter is included at the end of the chapter.

2. John E. Stillwell, M.D., Historical and Genealogical Miscellany, pages 157 and 159.

was born about 1735. It should also be noted[1] that on the same day that the children of Thomas and Mary **STEPHENS** were baptized, James, son of Joseph & Alice Throckmorton, was also baptized. Throckmorton is a common surname in the early history of Greene County, Pennsylvania, the same county to which five sons of John and Lucretia (Gaskill) **STEPHENS** emigrated.[2]

It is believed that Thomas **STEPHENS**, the father of John, Mary, and Thomas, is a son of Capt. Nicholas Stevens, who died 1760/63 in New Jersey, and his wife Elizabeth.[3]

Among the family histories which suggest that our John **STEPHENS** came from England is the family history as told by Walter Scott **STEPHENS**[4] of Salem, West Virginia. Walter had a muzzle loading rifle that, according to family tradition, had belonged to John who had brought the rifle with him from England. The rifle was passed along to John's son, 128(5) Apollo **STEPHENS**, on to his son, Henry W. **STEPHENS**, and on to his son, Walter Scott **STEPHENS**. The rifle is now (1984) in the possession of Walter's son, Raymond Eugene **STEPHENS** of Detroit, Michigan. Walter indicates that the rifle barrel is 41 inches long, and the rifle is 58 inches long over all.[5]

STEPHENS LAND DEEDS RECORDED IN MONMOUTH CO., NEW JERSEY

The following abstract, prepared by Catherine R. (Home) **STEPHENS**,[6] is from a deed recorded in Book W, page 547, Monmouth Co., NJ, in which Samuel Stevens & Fanny Stevens sell to Gabriel Allen:

> "This indenture was made in the year 1787, between Samuel Stevens, Exec. and Fanny Stevens, exec. of the last will and testament of John Stevens, dec'd. of the township of Upper Freehold, County of Monmouth, of the one part and Gabriel Allen of the township of Chesterfield, Burlington County, New Jersey of the other

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1. Personal communications, letters and notes received by author from LaNora Nyquist, Vista, CA, 1984. Mrs. Nyquist provided the author with sources containing much of the information contained in this chapter.

2. L. K. Evans, Pioneer History of Greene County, Pennsylvania(Parsons, WV: McClain Printing Co., 1969), pages 105-106. Book consists of a series of reprints of 1875-76 newspaper articles.

3. Notes compiled by Lillian Neisz, 485 Maple St., West LaFayette, IN 47906. Notes were sent to author by LaNora Nyquist.

4. Walter S. Stephens, A History of the Stephens Family(Salem, WV: published by author, before 1981). History consists of 13 pages.

5. Personal communication from Walter Scott Stephens, Salem, WV, letter and picture dated 17 Feb. 1984, to author.

6. Deed Abstract copied by Mrs. Catherine R. "Home" (Stephens) McAllister from Deed Book W, page 547, Surrogate's Office, Monmouth County Court House, Freehold, NJ. Abstract probably made during the 1930's.

part. Witness that the said Samuel and Fanny Stevens, for and in consideration of the sum of 200 pounds and 1 penney of current New Jersey money to them in hand paid by the said Gabriel Allen for the ensealing and delivering of the pre___ts. Whereof they do ---- the said Gabriel Allen, his heirs, etc. as conveyed, etc., unto the said Gabriel Allen forever. One certain lot or piece of upland with a sawmill lying and being in Upper Freehold Township on Main Branch of Crosswick Creek, County and State, which he, John **STEPHENS** purchased of Gilbert Longstreet, it being part of plantation belonging formerly to Gilbert Plumstead (or Pumstead) which part bearing date January 1787. John **STEPHENS** left to be sold, lower part of sawmill on east side running east one chain and 85 links running to the Great Road, along Great Road south 2 chains, and 20 links, 2 chains 20 links down creek channel to sawmill."

The following is an abstract prepared by Catherine (Home) R. **STEPHENS**,[1] of a deed for a sale of land by Stacy Stevens to James Shinn on 25 October 1800, found in Deed Book M, page 657, Surrogate's Office, Monmouth County, New Jersey:

"Stacey Stevens, County of Greene and State of Pennsylvania, on the one part to James Shinn of Upper Freehold of the other part, 25 October 1800. Shinn paid Stacey **STEPHENS** and Elizabeth his wife, 646 pounds 18 shillings in gold or silver money. Elizabeth gave up her dower right to the property. Land given Stacey Stevens by will by father John **STEPHENS**, dec'd. Land had been purchased from Gisbert (or Gilbert) Langstreet who had purchased it from his father, Stophel Langstreet (or Longstreet). The name occurs in the index as Stophel, Staufel."

WESTWARD MIGRATION OF THE SONS OF JOHN & LUCRETIA STEPHENS

Two sons of John and Lucretia **STEPHENS**, 128(1) Samuel, and 128(3) Thomas, remained in the New Jersey, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area. The other five sons, 128(2) Edward, 128(4)64 James, 128(5) Apollo, 128(6) John, Jr., and 128(7) Stacy, all emigrated[2] to Greene and Whitely Townships, Greene County, Pennsylvania during the years 1794-1796.[3]

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1. Deed Abstract copied by Catherine "Home" (Stephens) McAllister, probably during the 1930's, Deed Book W, page 547, Surrogate's Office, Monmouth County Court House, Freehold, NJ.

2. Among other references, a letter from Irene Ienza (Stephens) Parshall, Redding, Iowa, dated 20 April 1889, to Mrs. M. A. Stephens of Bedford, Iowa, gives some information about the arrival of the Stephens family in Greene Co., Pennsylvania.

3. L.K. Evans, Pioneer History of Greene County, Pennsylvania.

Greene County historian, Howard Leckey,[1] states that "The **STEPHENS** Family of Big Whitely Creek and Dunkard Creek are of New Jersey origin."

Edward and Stacy **STEPHENS** remained in Greene County, Pennsylvania until the end of their lives. Apollo migrated to Monroe County, Ohio, where he died. John, Jr., it is believed, also went to Ohio, exact location not known, but may have been Noble or Guernsey County, Ohio. James, after moving for a short time from Greene County to Shelby County, Indiana, moved back to Jake's Run, Monongalia County, now West Virginia, where he remained until his death. The author of this book descends from James.

In another reference to the children of John and Lucretia **STEPHENS**, Catherine R. (Home) **STEPHENS** wrote in a letter[2] dated 10 November 1935, that "We have found on the flyleaf of an old Bible in the possession of my brother Henry, the following: Samuel, son of John **STEPHENS** and Lucritty (?) his wife. The date the Bible was printed was 1593, but someone had written 1806 above it as though computing the age of the Book."

Dr. Alvah J. W. Headlee has estimated that John and Lucretia (Gaskill) **STEPHENS** probably had about 76 grandchildren, of which he names 46. In addition, he estimates that by now the direct descendants of John and Lucretia would number several hundred thousand.[3]

By the late 1800's, the grandchildren of John and Lucretia, and their descendants, were found in many states and territories of the United States, including New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Nebraska, and Iowa.

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1. Howard L. Leckey, The Tenmile Country and Its pioneer Families(Indiana: Bookmark Book Co., 1977). The material for the book was completed by Mr. Leckey before his death in 1951.

2. Letter from Catherine "Home" R. (Stephens) McAllister, 3100 Highland Place, Washington, D.C., written 10 Nov. 1935 to a "Dear Co-Laborer." Home is the wife of Addams S. McAllister. Letter came from Lillian Evans files, Greene Co., PA, a copy of which was supplied to this author by Dr. A.J.W. Headlee, Morgantown, WV.

3. Alvah J.W. Headlee, The Stephens Family.

SECTION 2.
Miscellaneous Documents

WILL
WRITTEN BY 128. JOHN STEPHENS DATED 2 JAN. 1787
Freehold, Monmouth Co., NJ

The following is a transcription from a photocopy of the original Will #5955M, recorded 23 March 1787, in Monmouth County, New Jersey. Lib. 29, page 303.

I, John Stevens, of the Township of Upper Freehold, in the county of Monmouth, and in the State of East New Jersey, Blacksmith, being weakly of body, but of a perfect and sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in form following. First of all I will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently can be made by my executors. Item, it is my will that my saw mill shall be sold by my executors. Beginning at the lower post of the saw mill on the East side running about a chain and a half nearly an East course to the great road then along the great road almost a South course about a chain and a half then down into the channel of the creek then down the creek to the saw mill race then up the race to the place of beginning being about two or more acres more or less. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son James **STEPHENS** a lott of land Beginning in the line of John Antram about half a chain West of first run next the house where I live running pretty near a South course at the first long ridge that runs through the field to the horse pasture to the ditch bank then along by the side of the new meadow near about East five chains then nearly a North course to the line of John Antrim, then along Antrim's line to the place of Beginning, be it three acres more or less to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten when he arrives at the age of twenty-one. Item, I give and bequeath to my son Apollo **STEPHENS** another lott of land adjoining his Brother James, lying to the Eastward, running nearly the same course to the Right-hand bar post going into the Island Meadow, then near a North course to John Antrim's line, to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten when he arrives at the age of twenty- one years. It is my will that those two lots shall be equally divided according to quantity and quality. It is my will adjoining this last lot that there shall be a rod and a half in width to be for a road, laid out for a road to John Antrim's line for the privilege of my sons that have a back part of my plantation. Item, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Stevens a lott of land beginning in Antrim's line at the East corner of the land running partly South East to a fence running between the middle meadow and the island Meadow, then along that fence nearly a South Course nearly two chains to a Stake in that fence, then nearly a West course to the corner of that lane, then to Antrim's line, to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten

when he arrives at the age of twenty-one years. Item, I give and bequeath unto my Son Edward a Lott of Land Beginning at a Stake in the fence between the Island meadow and the middle meadow, running near an East course to the upper meadow fence where the ditch runs under the fence, then a North course up the fence to John Antrim's line, then down Antrim's line towards the saw mill till it comes opposite the fence that runs between the Island meadow and middle meadow, then down that fence to the place of beginning, to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son John Stevens a lott of land beginning at a Black Ash, a corner for John Antrim and running along the line of Thomas Shinn, twelve chains to a corner of Eber Decois then near a West course four chains to a stake, then nearly a North West course, making of it two chains at the line of John Antrim, then along Antrim's line to the place of beginning, to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten when he arrives at the age of twenty-one years. Item, I likewise give and bequeath unto my son John Stevens the house and land adjoining where John Steward (or Shepard ?) now lives, beginning at a gum tree by the Mill pond, then straight across the road, near an East course one chain and an half, then a South course in the field, to run that course until it comes to the Orchard, to take in two rows of Apple trees, then through the Orchard down to the Mill pond, then down the Mill pond to the place of beginning, to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Stevens the House and Lot wherein William Fenton now lives to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten when he arrives at the age of twenty-one years. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Stevens the house that I now live in beginning on John Antrim's line about a half chain length West of the little run next the house then running nearly South to the ditch bank at the horse pasture then along the side of the new pasture nearly about East then ten chains more or less to a Bass post then a South course up that fence to the woods near an East course to a bass post about four chains more or less then up that fence by the side of the woods near a South Course to run into the field till it comes opposite the bass to be near a West course then cross the field to the bass then near a South course to a Black Oak corner to me and Israel Woodward with all the rest of my land and improvements which I have not before willed away lying West of my Plantation to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my son Stacy Stevens all the remainder part of my plantation which I have not bequeathed before lying to the South East of my plantation to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten when he arrives at the age of Twenty-one years. Item, I give unto my beloved wife Fanny **STEPHENS** two rooms in the house which she may choose, privilege of the kitchen and cellar and the pump during she remains my widow, likewise the goods she brought along with her, with a

cow which she may choose, the cow to be kept winter and summer by my son Samuel. Samuel to cut her firewood, to haul it to the door and Samuel to have the benefit of Stacy's place until Stacy comes of age and likewise Samuel shall pay unto her ten pounds yearly out of his place and Stacy's as long as she remains my widow, and if my moveables is not sufficient to pay my debts then the Saw Mill to be sold and the overplus if any to be equally divided among my children and for the just execution hereof I do appoint my loving Son Samuel Stevens, Executor and my beloved wife Fanny Stevens Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness hereof I have set my Hand and Seal this Second Day of January Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven, 1787.

< Signed> John **STEPHENS** His Seal

Signed Sealed and pronounced to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers:

John Antrim
Wm. French
Thos. Walling

John Stevens Last Will and Testament

John Antrim and Thomas Walling two of the witnesses to the within will being duly affirmed did declare that they saw John Stevens the holder therein named sign and seal the same and heard him publish pronounce and declare the within writing to be his last will and testament and that at the doing thereof the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory as far as these arriants know and as they verily believe, and that William French the other subscribing evidence was present at the same time and signed his name as a witness to the said will together with these affirmants in the presence of the testator.

Affirmed at Monmouth the 23 day of March 1787 -
Before Mr. Thos. Henderson, Surrogate

Samuel Stevens Executor .....<most of this paragraph is not legible, but it deals with Samuel affirming that he will prepare a "true and perfect inventory,...etc.">

Affirmed as above
Before me Thos. Henderson, Surrogate

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(NOTE:THE AUTHORS PHOTOCOPY OF THE JOHN **STEPHENS** ESTATE MATERIALS DOES NOT CONTAIN THE PARAGRAPH BELOW, BUT THE MATERIAL IS COPIED FROM A TRANSLATION OF THE MATERIAL WHICH HAS A NOTE STATING THAT IT WAS COPIED BY JAMES

LINN AND IS "NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF MRS. HOME **STEPHENS** MCALLISTER.")

The foregoing will being proved Probate was granted by his Excellency William Livingston Esquire unto Samuel **STEPHENS** executor in the said will named he being first duly affirmed well and truly to perform the same, exhibit a true and perfect Inventory, and render a Just and true Account when thereunto lawfully required Given under the Provogative(?) seal the day and year above said.

Bowes Reed Register

Follows a statement that the will was copied by James Linn, Register of provogative(?) Court June 22, 1820.

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Inventory of the Estate of John Stephens
Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey
19 March 1787

A True Inventory of all the goods and Chattels of John **STEPHENS** of the Township of Freehold of County of Monmouth, Deceased, that Came to our Notice and was appraised by us the subscribers this Nineteenth Day of March Anno Dom 1787--

Appirril(?)	13-12-6	
Purss	7- 3-5	
Case of Low D------(?)	2- 0-0	
Half a Dowzen Silver Tea Spoons & Tea Tacklin & old books		1- 0-0
One Pair of Callico Curtains at 1-5 & one pair of plain ditto at 10	1-15-0	
Two White Sheets 6 Pillow Cases 5 Napkins 2 Table Cloth		2-10-0
One Pine Chest at 5, One Dining Table at 1-2-6		1- 7-6
Looking Glass, Pewter Tankerd, Pine---(?) Old Bible		0-12-0
Two China Plates, 2 Wine Glasses & Table		0- 7-6
Five Delph ditto and one Table		0- 7-6
One Blue Painted Chest at 15, Warming Pan & Candle Stand		0-18-0
One Feather Bed & Beding & Bedstead & one Blanket Marked A.S.	10-10-0	
Four Bed Spreads & Seven Blankets, Two Sheets & one Coverlet	2-17-0	
One Pine Chest, one Feather Bed, Bedding & Bedstead		6- 3-0
One Feather Bed,Bedstead, & Bedding at 3, one ditto with ditto 2		5- 0-0
A Lot of Bed Beding & Bedsteads		1- 7-6
Twenty Bushel of Indian Corn at 3/6 per Bushel & small quantity of Flax	3-13-0	
Fourteen Pound of Wool & one Set of Waggon boxes(?) & Old iron		1-15-0
One Water Wheel Crank with old Iron & Brass -?- & Two Casts with Nails		1-10-0

Two Spinning Wheels & Four Flour Casts with -?- in the Kitchen Chamber	1- 3-0
One Half Bushel, Bann(?) Shovel, a Large Hatchet & Woll Carder	0-15-0
One Crow Barr, Dung fork & old Iron, a Pair of -?- & Flask	0-15-9
One Saddle, Four Flatirons, Two Iron Pots, Brass Kettle, Tea Kettle & Skillet	2-17-0
Four Pewter Dishes, one Dowzen & half Pewter plates & four B____	1-15-0
Four Jugs & Earthen Ware, one Table & Dough trough(?)	0- 6-0
One long -?- frying pan, Shovel, & Tongs & old iron	0-10-0
Three Trammels and irons, Seven old chains, Two Shovels, Three Axes, one Hoe	2- 4-6
One Furnace Kettle, one Sythe, one Iron -?-, & Tub	1-10-0
Two Meat Tubs & Meat, Soap Tub & old Casks	7-12-0
Potatoes, Log Waggon & Chains	6-12-0
One Light Waggon, & one Iron Tooth Harrow	2-16-0
Two Plows, Grindstone, & one Boar Shoat, & one Sow Shoat	2-15-0
Lie Tub, Wheelbarrow, & Sled Boards, Scantling, Lathe	1- 0-0
One Sow & Two Pigs, Bee Hive & Bees	2- 5-0
ne Sorrel Mare, one Sorrel Horse & one Sorrel Horse, one Black Horse one Colt	19-00-0
Hay in the Barn & Part of a stack of Hay by the Barn & Cow Hide	7-10-0
Three Bushel & 3 Pecks of Rye, Hay Knife & pitch fork	1- 2-6
Gun, Chains & Collers, Holeing(?) Axe & Pitch Fork	1- 6-6
Sleigh Shoes(?), one Red Cow, one Pide Cow & two young Calves	6-10-0
Three yearlen Calves & Green Corn in the Orchard	6- 0-0
Green Corn in the Far field	11- 5-0
One Red Cow & one Red Heifer & one Pide Cow	11- 7-9
One Stack of Hay in the field	3- 7-6
One Lot of Green Corn joining the Road & -?-, Nine Sheep & 2 Lambs at 3-7-6	4-12-3
One lot of Scantling at the mill	4- 0-0
Articles in the Black Smiths Shop, Bellows,Anvil,Vice &	11- 5-0
One Bed & Bedding & 3 old Iron Chain & Sheep Shance(?)	3-15-6
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<signed> John Antram
Francis Shinn

NOTES

The above transcription of the will and inventory was completed from a photocopy of the original estate records of John **STEPHENS** which was obtained from New Jersey by Mrs. LaNora Nyquist, and kindly supplied to this author. Note that John **STEPHENS** signs his name as **STEPHENS** to the will, but that the spellings Stevens and **STEPHENS** are both used in the body of the will which is not in John's handwriting. The photocopy of the original inventory of the John **STEPHENS** estate is quite difficult to read, but was transcribed as near as possible to reflect the original spelling, etc. However, many of the above articles may be wrong due to the difficulty in reading the copy.

WILL
WRITTEN BY 258. EDWARD GASKILL DATED 22 AUGUST 1785
SPRINGFIELD, BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

The following is a transcription from a photocopy of the original Will #11666C, recorded 13 **September 1796**, in Burlington County, New Jersey. Lib. 35, page 419.

In The Name of God Amen, this Twenty second Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred Eighty five. I, **Edward Gaskill** of Springfield in the County of Burlington of Western Division of New Jersey Being of sound Mind and Disposing Memory at this time for the Disposing of the Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with Do Make and Ordain this and No other to be my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all others by me Heretofore Made and first it is my will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid by my executors there after named. - Item I give and Bequeath unto my well Beloved son **Job Gaskill** and to his heirs and assigns forever one moiety or equal half part of all my Land and Plantation in Springfield afforesaid lying on the North and Westerly side of the following Lines of Division Viz Beginning at a State Corner to his meadow in the line of land late Samuel Barker standing North Fifty five Degr. West three Chains and Ninety seven Line from a Stone by a Stump Corner to said Barker's land and running then North forty seven degrees and a half East four chains and ninety five Links to a Stake then South Sixty five degrees East twenty Eight Line then North fifty degrees and three quarters East fourteen chains and seventy seven links to a large Water oak then North sixty nine degrees East Eleven Chains and Eighty two links to a Stake standing twelve links North from a Black oak Sapling then a northwesterly course to Thomas Antrams Line to as to Divide My said land into Two Equal Parts the one of which Lying as afforesaid I give unto my said son **Job Gaskill** and to his heirs and assigns for Ever with and upon his or their paying unto my son **Barzillai Gaskill** or to his heirs or assigns Two hundred Fifty Pounds in Gold or Silver within six months after my decease. Item - I give and bequeath unto my Well Beloved son **Barzillai Gaskill** and to his Heirs and Assigns forever Five Hundred and fifty Pounds to be paid unto him by his Brothers as herein directed. Item - I give and bequeath unto my well Beloved son **Thomas Gaskill** and to his heirs and assigns forever One Moiety or Equal half Part of all my Land and Plantation in Springfield afforesaid Lying on the South and Easterly side of the abovesaid Line of Division with and upon his or their Paying unto my Said Son Barzellai Gaskill or to his heirs or assigns Three Hundred Pounds in gold or silver within six months after my decease. --
Item - I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved Grandsons **John Stevens, Jun., James Stevens, Appollo Stevens**, and **Stacy Stevens**, sons (of **John Stevens** &

Lucretia his late wife, my Daughter Deceased) to each of them five Pounds Money as afforesaid to be Paid unto them by my said executor out of my Personal Estate when they shall arrive Respectively to the age of twenty one years or within six months after my decease. Item - I give and Bequeath all the Residue and Remainder of my Estate whatsoever one half Thereof unto my said son Barzellai and one fourth unto my said son Job and one fourth to my said Son Thomas and to their Respective Heirs and assigns for ever And Lastly I do hereby ordain and appoint my said sons **Job Gaskill** & **Thomas Gaskill** or the survivor of them to be Executors to Execute this my said Last Will and Testament.

his
Edward Gaskill (His Seal)
mark

Signed Sealed & Published by the said Edward Gaskill to be his Last Will & Testament in the Presence

Joseph Biddle
Sarah Biddle
Stacy Biddle

Burlington County
Sarah Biddle and Stacy Biddle two of the witnesses to the within will who being duly affirmed according to Law, did declare and say that they saw Edward Gaskill the Testator therein name and sign and seal the same and heard him publish pronounce and to declare the within writing to be his last will and testament, and that -?- doing thereof the said Testor was sound and of disposing Mind and Memory as far as the affirmants know and as they verily believe and that Joseph Biddle the then Subscribing Evidence, was present at the same time, and signed his name as witness to the said will together with these affirmants in the presence of the said Testator.

Sarah Biddle
Stacy Biddle

Taken before me at Burlington the thirteenth day of September, 1796.

Wm. Griffith

Burlington County

Job Gaskill and **Thomas Gaskill** Executors in the within Testament named being duly affirmed according to Law, did declare and say that the within Instrument contains the said last will and testament of Edward Gaskill the Testator therein named, so far as they know and as they verily believe that they will well and verily perform the same by paying first the debts of the said deceased and then the legacies in the Said Testament specified as

far as the good Chattels and Credits of the Said deceased can thereunto extend and that they will make and exhibit into the Purarative(?) Office at Trenton a true and perfect Inventory of all and -?- the goods chattels and Credits of the said Deceased that have or shall come to their knowledge or possession or to the possession of any other person or persons for their use, and under a -?- and -?- account when thereunto lawfully required.

Job Gaskill
Thomas Gaskill

Taken before me at Burlington the Nineteenth day of September, 1796.

Wm. Griffith

NOTES

The above transcription was completed from a photocopy of the original will of Edward Gaskill which was obtained from New Jersey by Mrs. LaNora Nyquist, and kindly supplied to this author.

The original spelling of the words in the will was followed as closely as possible.

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LETTER

To: STACY STEPHENS, Franklin County, Kansas
From: AZARIAH(?) STEPHENS, Redding, Ringgold Co., Iowa

The letter below is copied, as near as possible, to match a photocopy of a letter received from Gerald **STEPHENS**, Morgantown, WV, 1n 1989. Obvious misspelled words were corrected in the transcription below. The letter was written to Stacy **STEPHENS**, son of James & Mary Ann (Stull) **STEPHENS**. The letter was written by one of the children of Stacy and Elizabeth (Hatfield) **STEPHENS**, almost certainly son, Azariah, who was living in Ringgold Co., Iowa at the time. Both the writer and the recipient of the letter would be grandsons of John & Lucretia (Gaskill) **STEPHENS**. The first page of a handwritten copy of the letter was received as well as a more complete typed copy of the letter. The handwritten copy may also have been a transcription of the original, or a photocopy of the first page of the original letter.

Redding, Ringold County Iowa
April 19 th, 1889

Dear Cousin Stacy **STEPHENS**

Brother Wm. (Golden) sent me a letter written by

you requesting me to give a (his) story of our grandfather **STEPHENS**.

He was all that came from England that I ever heard of; settled in New Jersey. He had six boys: John, Edward, James, Pollard, Stacy & Samuel.

Grandfather's death, as near as I can give it, was in 1780. Some where, I think, about 87 or 88.

When John, Edward, James & Pollard came to Greene County, Pennsylvania (it) was as near, (as I can tell), 1790. Stacy came in 1799. He and Pollard ran a Black Smith Shop together. The rest engaged in farming. About 1796 John went to Ohio - Pollard went to Ohio in 1799, LIcking County near Zanesville - John had 3 children - Pollard 12 - a granddaughter now lives in New Ark, Licking County Ohio. She can give you more information that I can. - Her name is Lucretia Criner - Samuel **STEPHENS** went to Philadelphia and died there, had 2 children there all dead - we had no Aunts, 6 Uncles - this is the nearest I can give of them -- My Father had ten children 8 boys 2 girls - John had no Children - Hiram has 4 living children, grandchildren 23, great grandchildren 17. Stacy has 5 boys living, grandchildren 19 as near as I can recollect, great Grandchildren 2 - Pollard I cant give them for they are from Va. to Oregon, Barzilla has 3 living children, grandchildren 18, great grandchildren 3 - Lucretia has 4 living children, grandchildren 13 - Israel **STEPHENS** has 2 children, 2 grandchildren. Eliza **STEPHENS** has 5 children, 21 grandchildren. Washington has 8 children, 29 grandchildren - Azariah has 6 children, 13 grandchildren, this the best that I can do for our family.

My Nephew and I undertook to gather up our grandfathers Family - I got Lost - I don't now how he has got a long with it I will write to him and see what he has done, will you please give me what you have gathered now on the **STEPHENS** Families and oblige your cousin. I was in Pa. four months - Saw your brother Pollard he look real well he works two hard is what ails him - has no help - he has his second wife now - they enjoy themselves very much. I think to gather I am not able to do very much now - the rest of my family are as well as common - I have three children with me yet - they see to all - we have had the finest winter I ever saw in Iowa - feed plenty - stock looks fine - grass looks as well as last year at the first of May - Oats up very nice and green - if you come to Iowa come and sea me - the Hack passes by my door from Bedford every day - the trains comes every day from Kansas City by Saint Joe and to Blocton three miles west of me.

I send my Best Respects to you all.
Yours Ever

(name is missing from bottom of letter)

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LETTER

From: Irene Ienza (Stephens) Parshall, Redding, Iowa
To: Mrs. M. A. Stephens, and cousins of Bedford, Iowa

The letter below is transcription from a photocopy of a typewritten copy of a letter received from Gerald **STEPHENS**, Morgantown, WV, in 1989. The letter was written by Irene Ienza (**STEPHENS**) Parshall, daughter of Azariah and Clarissa (Steele) **STEPHENS**. Azariah is the son of Stacy and Elizabeth (Hatfield) **STEPHENS**. Stacy is the son of John and Lucretia (Gaskill) **STEPHENS**. Mrs. M. A. **STEPHENS** is not further identified.

Redding, Iowa
April 20th, 1889

Mrs. M. A. **STEPHENS**
Bedford, Iowa

Dear Cousins

The letter you sent your Father from Cousin Stacy **STEPHENS** is before me. I am Oh! to glad to hear from him and would be so pleased to see the list of names and their address. Did you receive a letter from Cousin Leroy **STEPHENS** Mt Pleasant, Penn. -- he was hunting up the **STEPHENS**, contemplating a reunion in the future. I don't know how many he heard from. Our Forefathers I don't know much about. Grandfather, Stacy S, was the youngest his parents died when he was young 8 or 10 years of age. The older brothers five in number came to Penn. in 1780 & 90 in those years, they did not all come at one time.

Father is the youngest of a large family, he has only one brother living Washington **STEPHENS**, Brock, Green Co. Penn. he lives in the neighborhood of your Mother relatives - he remembers more of the older ones "Uncles" than Father does - we have a Cousin Jackson **STEPHENS**, New Way, Licking Ohio, he is among the older cousins he can give information - he lives in the **STEPHENS** settlement. Great Uncle Edward S. children our relatives are scattered far and wide. When the history of the early settlers of Green Co was written they said the **STEPHENS** was as many as the sands on the sea shore, (it is true I think). Well I will be pleased to hear from you and your success in searching the four corners of the earth for our friend, come and visit us - we are well trusting you and family are the same - with love and kindest regards.

Ienzie **STEPHENS**
Redding Iowa

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LETTER

From: Jacob Stephens, New Way, Licking County, Ohio
To: Stacy Stephens

The letter below, dated August 5, 1889, was written by Jacob **STEPHENS**, son of William and Catherine (Long) **STEPHENS**. William is the son of Edward and Hannah (Woodward) **STEPHENS**. Edward is the son of John and Lucretia (Gaskill) **STEPHENS**. Jacob was born 1812 in Greene Co., PA. The letter is addressed to Stacy **STEPHENS**, living in Kansas, son of James and Mary Ann (Stull) **STEPHENS**. James is a son of John and Lucretia (Gaskill) **STEPHENS**. The letter below is a transcription to duplicate as close as possible the photocopy of a typed copy of the letter received from Gerald **STEPHENS**, Morgantown, WV, in 1989. Obvious misspellings were corrected. The letter has words crossed out and written over so that it is very difficult to read. In many cases, it is not possible to make any "sense" of the letter because of the misspelled words, etc. However, many of the sections do impart information that may be useful.

August the 5- 1889

Dear Stacy **STEPHENS** and friends

I will inform you that we all well at present hoping these times find you the same. Stacy I didn't know whether you was on earth or not I haven't heard from you since 1841. I was on my way to the east with cattle - my name is Jacob **STEPHENS** - son of William **STEPHENS** - great changes has been since that time - mother has gone to her long home in June the 9-1882 - John is dead - Edward and Hannah - Cassy is dead - James is in Iowa - in Bedford, Taylor County, Iowa - I have 404 acres of land - $10,000 in money at interest and what would I been worth if I was stayed in Greene County, Pa. Stacy you would think that the hills taken a secton(?) goth(?)- but God has pro???ed every thing good - great wealth is in the hills - s?????? oils is taken out near munpis(?) Dunkard township east of montis(?) by my connections there is a ??????? to Waynesburg and one from Pittsburgh up the Monongalia to Grafton on the Virginia side - we have good crops here of every thin(?).

Where is your uncle T. **STEPHENS** - Washington S. **STEPHENS** and where is Lucretia Criner - tell her write - oldest **STEPHENS** you know of - Alex **STEPHENS** is uncle Sam **STEPHENS** son - give me your fathers family by name commencing at oldest - give me name & address of the oldest **STEPHENS** you know of - can you give our grandfathers Post office address there in New Jersey or tell me who can give his address -- the rest dead and

what county our great grandfather lived in England and county seat of the county.

Stacy you wanted to find out about our grandfathers - about getting up a book - I don't think it will be done - you can see what they have done - just look at the free country that we live in - I have been on the battle ground were they fought at Trenton and Brandywine in Chester county Pennsylvania under Washington - he lived Seder(?) creek in New Jersey about 45 miles from New York - I expect that we would be fighting yet but the <powder give out the brimstone - but I think that they smell it yet if they wont give up the fish trouble.> Stacy I woud like to see you face to face - I want you to write about your brothers. I don't no whether they are a living or not. Uncle Ned died in Harrisburg in 1843 - I have been at the same tavern often - he was on his return from Philadelphia that time - he had about 5,000 thousand dollars at the time - Joseph Morris went after the money - he was buried in Harrisburg cemetery - <only see where are blood is scattered over 2/5 Mirdes(?) of America> that **STEPHENS** is dead - he was Samuel **STEPHENS** son - he went to the south so grandfather told me. Stacy do you know that we are about one-half Welch - there is a great many Welch where I live - they have a Baptist church in Zaneville Ohio - it seems that they belong to that church. Jacob **STEPHENS** was born November 1812.

Write to me tell me how far (you) are from Wichita, Kansas Stacy. They tell me that the mosquitoes bite there so bad that a man has to draw his shirt to fight them. I pity the ladies <on the mosquitoes and wind there ????? are a coming> back to old Licking County Ohio.

Direct to
Jacob **STEPHENS**
New Way Licking Co., Ohio

(Note: Joseph Morris is the son of Levi & Lucretia (**STEPHENS**) Morris. Lucretia is the daughter of Edward & Hannah (Woodward) **STEPHENS**. Thus, Joseph Morris is grandson of Edward.)

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STEPHENS HISTORY
Written about 13 January 1954

The following is a partial transcription of a typewritten history of the Stacy **STEPHENS** family that appears to have been written by Frances Long (Mrs. Edgar) Williams of Morgantown, WV, about 13 January 1954. This history was supplied to author by Dr. A.J.W. Headlee of Morgantown, WV.

STEPHENS HISTORY

Tradition has it or it has been said that in the first place three **STEPHENS** brothers came over from England in early days, before the Revolutionary War. The **STEPHENS** people are of English descent.

On of these brothers settled in New Jersey, one settled in Eastern Pennsylvania and the other one migrated to Virginia. Stacy **STEPHENS** was a descendant of the one who settled in N.J. The **STEPHENS** family of Big Whitely and Dunkard Creek are of New Jersey origin. They are said to belong to a family which consisted of seven brothers. Two of these brothers, William and Samuel **STEPHENS**, are reported to have stayed in New Jersey, while the other five, Edward, Apollo, James, John and Stacy **STEPHENS** came west before 1800.

Evans, in his Pioneer History of Greene County, says that during the years of 1794, 1795, and 1796, Stacy **STEPHENS** and his four brothers migrated to Greene County. Stacy **STEPHENS** was born in N.J. in 1779 and died in Greene County, October 30, 1861. Got married in 1799 to Elizabeth Hatfield, also from N.J. Both are buried at Garards Fort. Stacy **STEPHENS** was a blacksmith, having learned his trade at Trenton, N.J. and started the first regular shop in the vicinity of Garards Fort. It stood on the forks of the road that leads to the place known as the Benson Fordyee's farm. This place is known also as Moredock's Cross Roads at the head of Frosty Run. He shod the pack horses that transported the salt and other essential supplies from Winchester, Va. to supply the demands of the early settlers of Greene County. In the year of 1800, Mr. **STEPHENS** bought a farm a short distance above Garard's Fort, of which one acre was then cleared. In 1813 he built the stone house, near where a Mr. Brown has a chicken farm now. In later years his son Esariah **STEPHENS** owned and lived in the stone house.

John **STEPHENS** owned the farm, later owned by Nicholas Livengood, Edward **STEPHENS** owned the farm later owned by Jasper Morris, James **STEPHENS** owned the farm later owned by Eli Rose. James also known as Shuck **STEPHENS**. He owned 300 acres of good land just above Newtown, in Whitely Township, known as the Shuck Hollow. Apollo and John **STEPHENS** removed to the state of Ohio. The

STEPHENS family have been an industrious and thrifty family.

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(...A listing of the descendants of Stacy and Elizabeth (Hatfield) **STEPHENS** follows, but is not copied for the purposes of this transcription...)
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James, John, and Stacy were very common names with the **STEPHENS** people. Many of the **STEPHENS** people, Hatfield's, Morris's, Minor's, Moredock's, Roberts's, Gregg's, Lemley's, and the Long's of the Muddy Creek Section and many others of Greene County and other parts of the country are descendants of the Stacy **STEPHENS**, the blacksmith of the early day, who put shoes on the pack horses, which carried salt and other necessary supplies to the settlers in Greene County. Winchester, Va. was the starting place for these pioneers.

Copied 1-13-54 for Stacy **STEPHENS** of Mt. Morris, Pa. son of Spencer **STEPHENS** by Frances Long Williams (Mrs. Edgar) of Morgantown, W. Va. granddaughter of Spencer **STEPHENS**.

August 16, 1968 - Copies were given to Mary **STEPHENS** Bonebrake, David **STEPHENS**, and Euphan **STEPHENS** Judy, children of Connor **STEPHENS**, and grandchildren of Spencer **STEPHENS**. Also, Helen **STEPHENS** Titus daughter of Stacy **STEPHENS**.

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SECTION 3.

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS
JOHN STEPHENS AND HIS CHILDREN

HUSBAND: 128. **John STEPHENS**, Sr.
B: ca 1735 @ England ??
M: ca 1760 to wife below @ NJ ? (Widowed)
OM: 1785-87 to Fanny BROCK
D: 1787 @ Freehold, Monmouth Co,NJ

WIFE: 129. **Lucretia GASKILL**
B: 1744 @ Burlington Co, NJ
D: 22 Aug 1785 @ Freehold, Monmouth Co,NJ
FATHER: 258. **Edward GASKILL** IV
MOTHER: 259. **Elizabeth LIPPENCOTT**

CHILDREN

1 M 128(1) **Samuel STEPHENS**
B: 1761 @ Monmouth Co,NJ
M: 1790 to Rebecca HALSTEAD
D: 1803 @ Philadelphia,PA

2 M 128(2) **Edward STEPHENS**
B: 04 Dec 1763 @ Monmouth Co,NJ
M: 06 Mar 1787 to Hannah WOODWARD
D: 03 May 1846 @ Newtown,Greene Co,PA

3 M 128(3) **Thomas STEPHENS**
B: 1771 @ Monmouth Co,NJ
D: @ NJ ??

4 M 128(4)64 **James (Shuck) STEPHENS**
B: 06 Sep 1773 @ Freehold,Monmouth Co,NJ
M: 15 May 1798/99 to 65. **Mary Ann STULL**
@ Whiteley Twp. Greene Co., PA (??) (Widowed)
D: 08 Jul 1861 @ Jakes Run,Monongalia Co,WV

5 M 128(5) **Apollo (Pollard) STEPHENS**
B: 1775 @ Monmouth Co,NJ
M: to Lana TURNER @ Freehold,NJ ? (Widowed)
RM: by 1800 to Modaline (Maud) PETHTEL @ Greene Co,PA ?
D: ca 1844 @ Monroe Co,OH

6 M 128(6) **John STEPHENS**, Jr.
B: 1777 @ Monmouth Co,NJ
M: by 1803 to Rachel EVANS (Widowed)
RM: after 1807 to Drutilla CAMPBELL
D: @ Ohio ??

7 M 128(7) **Stacy STEPHENS**
B: 06 Sep 1779 @ Monmouth Co,NJ
M: 1799 to Elizabeth HATFIELD (Widowed)
D: 30 Oct 1861 @ Greene Co,PA

HUSBAND: 128(1) **Samuel STEPHENS**
B: 1761 @ Monmouth Co,NJ
M: 1790
D: 1803 @ Philadelphia,PA
FATHER: 128. John **STEPHENS**, Sr.
MOTHER: 129. Lucretia GASKILL

WIFE: Rebecca HALSTEAD
B: 1762 @ Philadelphia,PA

CHILDREN

1 M William **STEPHENS**
B: 1791 @ Monmouth Co,NJ
M: 1815 to Mary Sophia PICARD
D: 1852 @ Philadelphia,PA

2 M Samuel **STEPHENS** Jr.
B: @ Monmouth Co.,NJ ?

3 M Halstead **STEPHENS**
B: @ Monmouth Co,NJ ?

4 F ANN A. **STEPHENS**
B: @ Monmouth Co,NJ

HUSBAND: 128(2) **Edward STEPHENS**
B: 04 Dec 1763 @ Monmouth Co,NJ
M: 06 Mar 1787
D: 03 May 1846 @ Newtown,Greene Co,PA
FATHER: 128. John **STEPHENS** Sr.
MOTHER: 129. Lucretia GASKILL

WIFE: Hannah WOODWARD
B: 12 Apr 1770 @ Monmouth Co,NJ
D: 02 Feb 1854 @ Greene Co,PA

CHILDREN

1 M John **STEPHENS**
B: 1788 @ Freehold,NJ

2 F Lucretia **STEPHENS**
B: 15 Dec 1789 @ Freehold,NJ
M: 02 Nov 1809 to Levi MORRIS @ Greene Co,PA (Widowed)
D: 15 Aug 1885

3 M William **STEPHENS**
B: 22 Nov 1791 @ Freehold,NJ
M: ca 1811 to Catherine LONG
D: by 1849 @ Lancaster,OH ??

4 M James **STEPHENS**
B: 06 Nov 1793 @ Freehold,NJ
M: to Jane (Widowed)
RM: 1830/33 to Elizabeth LONG
D: 21 Dec 1848 @ Greene Co,PA

5 F Nancy **STEPHENS**
B: 13 Dec 1795 @ Freehold,NJ
M: to James PATTERSON
D: 1836 @ Montgomery Co,OH ??

6 M Samuel **STEPHENS**
B: 29 Mar 1798 @ Greene Co,PA
D: by 1800 @ Greene Co,PA

7 F Rebecca **STEPHENS**
B: 14 Feb 1800 @ Greene Co,PA
M: ca 1823 to William CORBLY @ Garard's Fort,PA
D: 1855 @ McArthur,OH

8 F Elizabeth **STEPHENS**
B: 26 Nov 1801 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to John H. BOWLBY

9 F Hannah **STEPHENS**
B: 04 Aug 1803 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to John WELLS

10 M Edward B. **STEPHENS**
B: 10 Jul 1805 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to Amazy GUMP
D: 15 Jan 1864 @ Greene Co,PA

11 M Thomas **STEPHENS**
B: 11 Jan 1807 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to name unknown
D: after 1849 @ Fairfield Co,OH

12 M Job **STEPHENS**
B: 18 Sep 1809 @ Greene Co,PA
Single
D: 16 Jul 1848 @ Whiteley Twp,Greene Co,PA

13 M George Washington **STEPHENS**
B: 02 Nov 1811 @ Greene Co,PA
D: after 1854

HUSBAND: 128(4)64 **James (Shuck) STEPHENS**
B: 06 Sep 1773 @ Freehold,Monmouth Co,NJ
M: 15 May 1798/99 @ Whiteley Twp.,PA (??) (Widowed)
D: 08 Jul 1861 @ Jakes Run,Monongalia Co,WV
FATHER: 128. John **STEPHENS** Sr.
MOTHER: 129. Lucretia GASKILL

WIFE: 65. **Mary Ann STULL**
B: 29 Nov 1781 @ Middletown,Frederick Co, MD
D: 10 May 1857 @ Battelle Dist.,Monongalia Co.,WV
FATHER: 130. Godfrey STULL
MOTHER: 131. BARBARA CARMAN

CHILDREN

1 M Henry **STEPHENS**
B: 07 Jan 1799 @ Whiteley Twp.,Greene Co,PA
M: ca 1818 to Nancy CAMPBELL @ Greene Co,PA (Widowed)
RM: after 1857 to Nancy LANTZ
D: 08 Jun 1877 @ Wayne Twp,Greene Co,PA

2 F Jane **STEPHENS**
B: 10 Mar 1803 @ Whiteley Twp,Greene Co,PA
M: 10 Jul 1823 to Lemuel SNODGRASS @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 13 Sep 1888 @ Diamond Springs,Morris Co,Kansas

3 F Barbara **STEPHENS**
B: 1804 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 10 Feb 1823 to Levi ARNETT @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 10 Jul 1857 @ Big Paw Paw,Monongalia Co,VA

4 M 32. **Samuel STEPHENS**
B: ca 1807 @ Greene Co.,PA
M: ca 1826 to 33. **Margaret (HAGANS ?)** @ prob. Greene Co.,PA
D: 16 Jan 1873 @ Tyler Co.,WV

5 M Thomas Jackson **STEPHENS**
B: 05 Dec 1809 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 21 Nov 1836 to Mahala AMOS @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 26 Feb 1895 @ Marion Co,WV

6 M John **STEPHENS**
B: ca 1810 @ Greene Co,PA
D: 1836 ??

7 M Stacy **STEPHENS**
B: 04 Sep 1811 @ Newtown,Greene Co,PA
M: 24 Sep 1835 to Sarah PHARES @ Shelby Co,IN
D: 04 Jul 1896 @ Franklin Co,Kan

8 M Apollo C. (Pollard) **STEPHENS**
B: 22 Mar 1813 @ Newtown,Greene Co,PA
M: ca 1832 to Sarah (Sally) MEYERS (Widowed)
RM: after 1882 to Mariah (?)
D: 11 Apr 1901 @ Greene Co,PA

CHILDREN (Continued)

9 F Lydia **STEPHENS**
B: 18 Jun 1817 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 25 Sep 1835 to William GOLDING, Rev.
@ Shelbyville,Shelby Co,IN
D: 29 Mar 1885 @ Blockton,Taylor Co,Iowa

10 M Solomon **STEPHENS**
B: ca 1823 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 27 May 1847 to Amanda MADERA @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 14 Mar 1885 @ IOWA

11 F Rebecca **STEPHENS**
B: 1824 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 22 Sep 1855 to Solomon WAGONER @ Monongalia Co,WV
(Widowed)
D: 29 Jun 1880 @ Monongalia Co,WV

12 F Lucretia (Creecy) **STEPHENS**
B: 17 Jan 1826 @ Greene Co,PA
M: by 1850 to Simon (Sim) TENNANT @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 07 Dec 1899 @ Monongalia Co,WV

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HUSBAND: 128(5) **Apollo (Pollard) STEPHENS**
B: 1775 @ Monmouth Co,NJ
M: to wife below @ Freehold,NJ ? (Widowed)
OM: by 1800 to Modaline (Maud) PETHTEL @ Greene Co,PA ?
D: ca 1844 @ Monroe Co,OH
FATHER: 128. John **STEPHENS** Sr.
MOTHER: 129. Lucretia GASKILL

WIFE: Lana TURNER
D: by 1800 @ Greene Co,PA

CHILDREN

1 F Hester **STEPHENS**
B: 22 Aug 1796 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 20 Jan 1814 to John LOAR Sr. @ Jacktown,Greene Co,PA
D: 09 Jun 1874 @ Greene Co,PA

2 F Martha (Pattie) **STEPHENS**
B: 1796 @ Greene Co,PA ?
M: to Adam SHRIVER
D: 02 Nov 1874

HUSBAND: 128(5) **Apollo (Pollard) STEPHENS**
B: 1775 @ Monmouth Co,NJ
OM: to Lana TURNER @ Freehold,NJ ? (Widowed)
M: by 1800 to wife below @ Greene Co,PA ?
D: ca 1844 @ Monroe Co,OH
FATHER: 128. John **STEPHENS** Sr.
MOTHER: 129. Lucretia GASKILL

WIFE: Modaline (Maud) PETHTEL
B: ca 1779 @ MD
D: after 1860 @ Monroe Co,OH ?

CHILDREN

1 M Edward (Ned) **STEPHENS**
B: 17 May 1804 @ Greene Co,PA
M: ca 1830 to Mary Lanora JOHNSON
D: 14 Jan 1888

2 M John **STEPHENS**
B: 1813
M: to Hannah PATTERSON
D: 1903

3 M Benjamin **STEPHENS**
B: ca 1807 @ Greene Co,PA
M: by 1830 to Mary (Polly) CARPENTER
D: 1872 @ Noble Co,OH (near Lower Salem)

4 M Levi **STEPHENS**
M: to Catherine JOHNSON
D: by Jun 1848 @ Monroe Co,OH

5 M Apollo (Pollard) **STEPHENS**
B: 1815/16 @ Greene Co,PA
M: ca 1833 to Jane SHRIVER

6 F Nancy **STEPHENS**
B: ca 1799 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to William WELLS
D: @ Monroe Co,OH ?

7 F Elizabeth (Betsey) **STEPHENS**
B: ca 1816 @ PA
M: ca 1838 to Aaron MORRIS

8 F Modelana (Lana) **STEPHENS**
M: to Nelson BROWN

9 F Mary **STEPHENS**
M: to John STEPHEN

10 F Lucretia **STEPHENS**
M: by 1844 to James LAWS

HUSBAND: 128(7) **Stacy STEPHENS**
B: 06 Sep 1779 @ Monmouth Co,NJ
M: 1799 (Widowed)
D: 30 Oct 1861 @ Greene Co,PA
FATHER: 128. John **STEPHENS** Sr.
MOTHER: 129. Lucretia GASKILL

WIFE: Elizabeth HATFIELD
B: 30 Jun 1780
D: 23 Apr 1849 @ Greene Co,PA

CHILDREN

1 M John **STEPHENS**
B: 1800 @ Greene Co,PA
D: by 1889

2 M Hiram **STEPHENS**
B: 15 Sep 1802 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to Elizabeth HUNT
D: 06 Feb 1869 @ Greene Co,PA

3 M Stacy **STEPHENS** Jr.
B: 1804 @ Greene Co,PA
M: by 1833 to Maria CUMBERLEDGE (Widowed)
RM: 20 Feb 1868 to Rachel HORNER @ Wetzel Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 1870/80 to Elizabeth
D: by 1889 @ Wetzel Co,WV ?

4 M Apollo **STEPHENS**
B: 1807 @ Greene Co,PA
M: ca 1826 to Elizabeth HALL @ Greene Co,PA ?
D: by 1889

5 M Brazilla **STEPHENS**
B: 20 Apr 1809 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 04 Dec 1832 to Margaret LANTZ @ Greene Co,PA
D: 24 Apr 1884 @ Greene Co,PA

6 F Lucretia **STEPHENS**
B: 24 Jul 1811 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to Jeremiah (Jerry) LONG (Widowed)
D: 04 Jul 1887 @ Greene Co,PA

7 M Israel **STEPHENS**
B: 1813 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to Rose Ann STEELE
D: 12 Jul 1871

8 M George Washington **STEPHENS**
B: 17 Mar 1816 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to Joanna STEELE
D: 24 May 1889 @ Greene Co,PA

9 F Elizabeth **STEPHENS**
B: 17 Jun 1818 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 11 Nov 1841 to Joseph LONG
D: 26 Dec 1884

10 M Azariah **STEPHENS**
B: 30 Jun 1821 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 13 Feb 1845 to Clarissa STEELE (Widowed)
D: 29 Oct 1902 @ Redding,Iowa

11 F Lucy **STEPHENS**
B: @ Greene Co,PA
D: prob died young

SECTION 4.

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS FOR MATERNAL LINES

HUSBAND: 258. **Edward GASKILL** IV
B: 1706 @ Northampton Twp,Burlington Co,NJ
M: 01 Aug 1732 @ Burlington Co,NJ
D: 29 Aug 1796 @ Springfield,Burlington Co,NJ
FATHER: 516. **Edward GASKILL** III
MOTHER: 517. **Hannah ENDICOTT**

WIFE: 259. **Elizabeth LIPPENCOTT**
B: ca. 1706 @ Northampton Twp,Burlington Co,NJ
D: after 1748 @ Burlington Co, NJ
FATHER: 518. **Samuel LIPPENCOTT**
MOTHER: 519. **Anna HULET**

CHILDREN

1 M Job GASKILL
B: 1733 @ Burlington Co,NJ
M: 16 Jul 1755 to Elizabeth HAINES @ Burlington Co,NJ
D: 26 Sep 1810 @ Burlington Co,NJ

2 M Barzilla GASKILL
B: ca 1734 @ Springfield,Burlington Co, NJ
M: 1760 to Mehetable TWINING @ Burlington Co,NJ
D: aft 1796

3 M THOMAS GASKILL
B: 28 Dec 1741 @ Burlington Co,NJ
M: 10 Apr 1762 to Edith BOWNE @ Chesterfield Co,NJ
D: 11 Nov 1828 @ Upper Freehold Twp,Monmouth Co,NJ

4 F 258(4)129 **Lucretia GASKILL**
B: 1744 @ Burlington Co, NJ
M: ca 1760 to 128. **John STEPHENS** Sr. @ NJ ?
D: 22 Aug 1785 @ Freehold, Monmouth Co,NJ

HUSBAND: 516. **Edward GASKILL** III
B: 23 Oct 1667 @ Salem,MA
M: 10 Apr 1693 @ Salem,MA
D: 1748 @ Northampton Twp.,Burlington Co,NJ
FATHER: 1032. **Samuel GASKILL**
MOTHER: 1033. **Provided SOUTHWICK**

WIFE: 517. **Hannah ENDICOTT**
B: 1676 @ Essex Co., Salem, MA
D: aft 1709 @ NORTHAMPTON TWP.,BURLINGTON CO, NJ
FATHER: 1034. **Zerubbabel ENDICOTT** Dr.
MOTHER: 1035. **Mary SMITH**

CHILDREN

1 M Joseph GASKILL
B: 1695 @ Salem,MA
M: to Grace POWELL
D: aft 1758 @ Mt Holly,Burlington Co,NJ

2 M Zorubbabel GASKILL Sr.
B: 1696/98 @ Salem,MA
M: 10 Apr 1723 to Ann LIPPENCOTT
@ Northampton Twp,Burlington Co,NJ
D: 1752 @ Northampton Twp,Burlington Co,NJ

3 F Provided GASKILL
B: 26 Jan 1700 @ Burlington Co,NJ
M: 07 Jul 1737 to Samuel SHINN Sr. @ Burlington Co,NJ
D: by 1740 @ Burlington Co,NJ

4 M Samuel GASKILL
B: 1703 @ Northampton Twp,Burlington Co,NJ
M: 02 Aug 1727 to Theophila CRIPPS (Widowed)
RM: 22 Feb 1748 to Mary ENOCHS @ Burlington Co,NJ
D: aft 1808

5 F Hannah GASKILL
B: 1705 @ Burlington Co,NJ

6 M 516(5)258 **Edward GASKILL** IV
B: 1706 @ Northampton Twp,Burlington Co,NJ
M: 01 Aug 1732 to 259. **Elizabeth LIPPENCOTT**
@ Burlington Co,NJ
D: 29 Aug 1796 @ Springfield,Burlington Co,NJ

7 M Benjamin GASKILL
B: after 1709 @ Northampton Twp,Burlington Co,NJ
M: 16 Jan 1738 to Mary DENNIS (Widowed)
RM: Oct 1756 to Sarah LORD
D: aft 1775 @ Burlington Co,NJ

8 M Ebenezer GASKILL
B: ca 1711 @ Northampton Twp,Burlington Co,NJ
M: 21 Jun 1731 to Elizabeth WOOD

HUSBAND: 1032. **Samuel GASKILL**
B: 1635 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: 30 Dec 1664 @ Salem, Mass.
D: aft 6 Oct 1720 @ Salem,MA
FATHER: 2064. **Edward GASKILL** Sr.
MOTHER: 2065. **Sarah PARKER(?)**

WIFE: 1033. **Provided SOUTHWICK**
B: 06 Dec 1641 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
D: 4 Feb 1727/28 @ Salem,MA
FATHER: 2066. **Lawrence SOUTHWICK**
MOTHER: 2067. **Cassandra BURNELL**

CHILDREN

1 M Samuel GASKILL
B: 23 Jan 1664 @ Salem,MA
M: ca 1683 to Bethiah WOODAM
D: ca 1725 @ Salem,MA

2 M 1032(2)516 **Edward GASKILL** III
B: 23 Oct 1667 @ Salem,MA
M: 10 Apr 1693 to 517. **Hannah ENDICOTT** @ Salem,MA
D: 1748 @ Northampton Twp.,Burlington Co,NJ

3 F Hanna GASKILL
B: 02 Jan 1669 @ Salem,MA
M: to George SMITH

4 F Provided GASKILL
B: 22 Apr 1672 @ Salem,MA
D: 04 Feb 1728

5 F Sarah GASKILL
B: 01 Oct 1676 @ Salem,MA
Single
D: 03 Aug 1689 @ Salem,MA

6 F Mary GASKILL
B: 06 Nov 1674 @ Salem,MA
M: 28 May 1708 to Caleb BUFFUM Jr.
D: by 21 May 1741

7 M Josiah GASKILL
B: 07 Jan 1678 @ Salem,MA
M: 05 Aug 1704 to Rebecca LIPPENCOTT
@ Burlington Co,NJ (Widowed)
RM: to Mary GRIFFITH (Widowed)
RM: to Mary WEAVER
D: 1761 @ Northampton Twp,Burrlington Co,NJ

HUSBAND: 2064. **Edward GASKILL** Sr.
B: ca 1603/1604 @ ENGLAND
M: ca 1638 @ MA
D: ca 1690 @ Salem,MA

WIFE: 2065. **Sarah PARKER(?)**
D: ca 1691 @ Salem,MA

CHILDREN

1 F Preserved GASKILL
B: 1639 @ Salem, Essex Co,NJ
M: 1653/54 to John LAMBERT
D: aft 1711

2 M 2064(2)1032 **Samuel GASKILL**
B: 1635 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: 30 Dec 1664 to 1033. **Provided SOUTHWICK** @ Salem, Mass.
D: aft 6 Oct 1720 @ Salem,MA

3 M Danyell GASKILL
B: bapt 10 oct 1640

4 F Sarah GASKILL
B: Bapt. 14 May 1643
M: 24 May 1661 to Peter JOY

5 F Hanah GASKILL
B: Bapt. 1 Mar 1646

6 M Edward GASKILL Jr.
B: Bapt. 20 Feb 1648
M: to name unknown
D: by 18 Dec 1717 @ Salem,MA

HUSBAND: 1034. **Zerubbabel ENDICOTT**, Dr.
B: 14 Feb 1635 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: 1654 to wife below @ Wenham,MA
OM: to 1035. **Elizabeth WINTHROP** @ Salem,MA
D: spring,1684 @ Salem,MA
FATHER: 2068. **John ENDICOTT**, Governor
MOTHER: 2069. **Elizabeth COGAN**

WIFE: 1035. **Mary SMITH**
B: 1636 @ Wenham, Mass.
D: 20 Jun 1677 @ Salem, Mass
FATHER: 1070. **Samuel SMITH**
MOTHER: 1071. **Sarah**

CHILDREN

1 M John ENDICOTT Dr.
B: 1657 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: to Anne EDWARDS @ London,England
D: ca 1694 @ London,England

2 F Elizabeth ENDICOTT
B: 08 Jul 1658 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
D: 08 Sep 1658

3 M Samuel ENDICOTT
B: 1659 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: to Hannah FELTON

4 F Elizabeth ENDICOTT
B: 12 Apr 1661 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
D: 01 May 1662

5 M Zerubbabel ENDICOTT
B: 11 Apr 1662 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
D: before 1664

6 M Zerubbabel ENDICOTT
B: 14 Feb 1664 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: Jul 1690 to Grace SYMONDS
D: 1706 @ Topsfield,Mass

7 M Benjamin ENDICOTT
B: 05 Nov 1667 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: 16 Mar 1709 to Hannah SMALL @ Salem,Essex Co,MA (Widowed)
RM: 23 Mar 1731 to Abigail STRICKER @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
D: 1735 @ Topsfield,Mass

8 F Mary ENDICOTT
B: 23 Jun 1668 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: 12 Aug 1685 to Isaac WILLIAM @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
D: after 1709

9 M Joseph ENDICOTT
B: 14 Jul 1672 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: ca 1706 to Hannah SMITH
D: May 1747 @ Northampton,Burlington Co,NJ

10 F Sarah ENDICOTT
B: 19 Dec 1673 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: to Samuel HART

CHILDREN (Continued)

11 F Elizabeth ENDICOTT
B: 12 Feb 1675 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: 14 Oct 1700 to Nathaniel GILBERT @ Boston,MA
D: 1708/1712 @ Boston,Mass

12 F 1034(12)517 **Hannah ENDICOTT**
B: 1676 @ Essex Co., Salem, MA
M: 10 Apr 1693 to 516. **Edward GASKILL III** @ Salem,MA
D: aft 1709 @ NORTHAMPTON TWP.,BURLINGTON CO, NJ

13 F Methable ENDICOTT
B: 18 Nov 1677 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
Single
D: 1698

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HUSBAND: 2068. **John ENDICOTT**, Governor
B: 1588 @ Chagford,Devonshire,ENGLAND
OM: to Anna GOWER @ ENGLAND (Widowed)
M: 18 Aug 1630 to wife below @ MA
D: 15 Mar 1665/66 @ Boston,MA
FATHER: 4136. **Thomas ENDICOTT**
MOTHER: 4137. **Alice WESTLAKE**

WIFE: 2069. **Elizabeth COGAN**
B: 1611 @ Cambridge,ENGLAND
OM: to Mr. GIBSON (Widowed)
D: 18 Sep 1676 @ Boston,MA
FATHER: 4138. **Philobert COGAN**
MOTHER: 4139. **Ann MARSHALL**

CHILDREN

1 M John ENDICOTT Jr.
B: 27 Jan 1632 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: 09 Nov 1653 to Elizabeth HOWCHINS @ Boston,MA
D: 07 Feb 1667 @ Boston,Mass

2 M 2068(2)1034 **Zerubbabel ENDICOTT**, Dr.
B: 14 Feb 1635 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: 1654 to 1035. **Mary SMITH** @ Wenham,MA
RM: to Elizabeth WINTHROP @ Salem,MA
D: spring,1684 @ Salem,MA

HUSBAND: 518. **Samuel LIPPENCOTT**
B: 12 Sep 1675
M: 03 Jul 1700 @ Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co,NJ
D: before 1748 @ Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co,NJ
FATHER: 1036. **Restore LIPPENCOTT**
MOTHER: 1037. **Hannah SHATTUCK**

WIFE: 519. **Anna HULET**
D: 1748 @ Northampton Twp,Burlington Co,NJ

CHILDREN

1 F Ann LIPPENCOTT
B: ca 1702
M: 10 Apr 1723 to Zorubbabel GASKILL Sr.
@ Northampton Twp,Burlington Co,NJ

2 F 518(2)259 **Elizabeth LIPPENCOTT**
B: ca. 1706 @ Northampton Twp,Burlington Co,NJ
M: 01 Aug 1732 to 258. **Edward GASKILL** IV
@ Burlington Co,NJ (Widowed)
D: after 1748 @ Burlington Co, NJ

3 F Patience LIPPENCOTT
B: ca 1706 @ Burlington Co,NJ
M: ca 1727 to George FOLWELL

4 M Job P. LIPPENCOTT
B: ca 1708
M: 25 Jun 1728 to Hannah OGBURN
D: 31 May 1759

5 M Samuel LIPPENCOTT
B: ca 1710
M: 29 Oct 1737 to Mary ARNEY @ Burlington Co,NJ

HUSBAND: 1036. **Restore LIPPENCOTT**
B: 3 Jul 1648/53 @ Plymouth,ENGLAND
M: 06 Nov 1674 to wife below @ Wm. Shattock's Home (Widowed)
OM: 1729 to Martha OWEN @ Burlington Co,NJ
D: 20 Jul 1741 @ Mount Holly,Burlington Co,NJ
FATHER: 2072. **Richard LIPPENCOTT**
MOTHER: 2073. **Abigail GOODY(?)**

WIFE: 1037. **Hannah SHATTUCK**
B: 08 Jul 1654 @ Boston,MA
D: before 1729
FATHER: 2074. **William SHATTUCK**
MOTHER: 2075. **Hannah -?-**

CHILDREN

1 M 1037(1)518 **Samuel LIPPENCOTT**
B: 12 Sep 1675
M: 03 Jul 1700 to 519. **Anna HULET**
@ Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co,NJ
D: before 1748 @ Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co,NJ

2 F Abigail LIPPENCOTT
B: 16 Feb 1677 @ Shrewsbury,NJ
M: 03 May 1697 to James SHINN @ Burlington Co,NJ

3 F Hannah LIPPENCOTT
B: 15 Nov 1679 @ Shrewsbury,NJ
Single
D: before 1741

4 F Hope LIPPENCOTT
B: Oct 1681 @ Shrewsbury,NJ
M: 15 Apr 1701 to William GLADDING

5 F Rebecca LIPPENCOTT
B: 24 Nov 1684 @ Shrewsbury,NJ
M: 05 Aug 1704 to Josiah GASKILL @ Burlington Co,NJ
D: before 1747 @ Northampton Twp,Burlington Co,NJ

6 M James LIPPENCOTT
B: 11 Jun 1687 @ Shrewsbury,Monmouth Co,NJ
M: 12 Sep 1709 to Anna EVES @ Burlington Co,NJ
D: 11 Jun 1760 @ Burlington Co,NJ

7 F Elizabeth LIPPENCOTT
B: 15 Mar 1690 @ Shrewsbury,NJ
M: 12 Jun 1712 to George SHINN

8 M Jacob LIPPENCOTT
B: 15 Aug 1692 @ Mt Holly,NJ
M: to Mary (Hannah ?) BURR
D: 1757

9 F Rachel LIPPENCOTT
B: 08 Jan 1695 @ Mt Holly,NJ
M: 11 May 1713 to Zechariah JESS
@ Burlington Co,NJ (Widowed)
RM: to Francis DAWSON
D: after 1729

HUSBAND: 2066. **Lawrence SOUTHWICK**
B: @ Lancashire,ENGLAND
M: 25 Jan 1623 @ Staffordshire,ENGLAND
D: spring,1660 @ Shelter Island,Long Island,NY

WIFE: 2067. **Cassandra BURNELL**
B: @ Kingswinford Parish,Staffordshire,ENGLAND
D: spring,1660 @ Shelter Island,Long Island,NY

CHILDREN

1 M John SOUTHWICK
B: 1620 @ England
M: 1642 to Sarah TIDD (Widowed)
RM: 12 May 1668 to Hannah FLINT (Widowed)
RM: 03 Dec 1868 to Sarah BURNELL (BURNETT ?)
D: 25 Oct 1672 @ Salem,Mass

2 F Mary SOUTHWICK
B: 1630 @ ENGLAND
M: 1650 to Henry TRASK

3 M Josiah SOUTHWICK
B: 1632 @ Salem,Exxex Co,MA
M: 13 Oct 1658 to Mary BOYCE
D: 1693

4 F Provided SOUTHWICK
B: 1635 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
D: 1640

5 M Daniel SOUTHWICK
B: 1637 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: 23 Feb 1663 to Esther BOYCE
D: 1718/19

6 F 2066(6)1033 **Provided SOUTHWICK**
B: 06 Dec 1641 @ Salem,Essex Co,MA
M: 30 Dec 1664 to 1032. **Samuel GASKILL**
@ Salem, Mass. (Widowed)
D: 4 Feb 1727/28 @ Salem,MA

CHAPTER II.

JAMES STEPHENS (1773-1861)

and

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James (Shuck) STEPHENS

FATHER: John STEPHENS, Sr.
MOTHER: Lucretia GASKILL
BORN: 06 Sep 1773
  AT: Freehold,Monmouth Co,NJ
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Mary Ann STULL
  ON: 15 May 1798/99
  AT: Whiteley Twp.,PA (??)
  STATUS: Widowed
DIED ON: 08 Jul 1861
  AT: Jakes Run,Monongalia Co,WV
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 12
1) Henry STEPHENS
2) Jane STEPHENS
3) Barbara STEPHENS
4) Samuel STEPHENS
5) Thomas Jackson STEPHENS
6) John STEPHENS
7) Stacy STEPHENS
8) Apollo C. (Pollard) STEPHENS
9) Lydia STEPHENS
10) Solomon STEPHENS
11) Rebecca STEPHENS
Burial Place: Stephens Cem,Days Run,Monongalia Co,WV
Occupation: Farmer

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CHAPTER II. JAMES and MARY ANN (STULL) STEPHENS

SECTION 1.

64. James STEPHENS (1773-1861)
65. Mary Ann Stull (1781-1857)

James, son[1] of 128. John **STEPHENS** and 129. Lucretia Gaskill, was born 6 September 1773 in Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey.[2] James, a farmer, also known as "Shuck", married[3] Mary Ann Stull 15 May 1798/99, probably in Greene County, PA. Mary Ann was born 29 November 1781 in Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland.[4] Mary Ann is the oldest child of 130. Godfrey Stull and 131. Barbara Carman.[5] James and several of his brothers migrated to Whiteley Twp., Greene Co., PA about 1796.[6] During the 1830's, James and his family moved to Shelby County, Indiana[7] for a short stay and returned about 1835/36 to Newtown, Greene Co, PA. In about 1838, James and family moved to Jakes Run (also called Days Run) in Battelle Dist., Monongalia County, Virginia (now West Virginia) where he died 8 July 1861.[8] Mary Ann died 10 May 1857 on Jakes Run.[9] Both are buried[10] in **STEPHENS** Cemetery, Days Run, Monongalia Co., WV.

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1. Monmouth Co., New Jersey Will #5955M, recorded 23 March 1787, Lib. 29, page 303.

2. Alvah J. W. Headlee, The Stephens Family(Morgantown, WV: Author, ca.1981).

3. Wayne Van Leer Jones, Houston, TX, unpublished family history of Godfrey Stull family. Private communication received ca. 1983.

4. Ibid.

5. Ibid.

6. L. K. Evans, Pioneer History of Greene County, Pennsylvania(Parsons, WV: McCain Publishing Co., 1969), pages 105-106. Book consists of a series of reprints of 1875-1876 newspaper articles.

7. West Augusta Historical and Genealogical Society, History of Wood County, West Virginia(Houston, TX: Taylor Publishing Co., 1980), page221.

8. Ibid. James died at home of his daughter Lucretia Tennant on Jakes Run, Monongalia Co., VA. This reference incorrectly lists the residence of Lucretia as being near Fairmont, Marion Co., WV.

9. Letter from James Stephens to his daughter 64(10) Lydia (Stephens) Golding, dated 12 May 1857 from Jakes Run, Monongalia Co., (W)VA, informing her of the death of her mother which occurred on Sunday, 10 May 1857. See transcript of letter in text.

10. Richard G. Zollars, editor, Cornerstone Clues, Vol. XIII, #2(Waynesburg, PA: Cornerstone Genealogical Society, 1988), page 57.

The known children[1] of James and Mary Ann, listed in order of birth, are 64(1) Henry, 64(2) Jane, 64(3) Barbara, 64(4)32. Samuel, 64(5) Thomas, 64(6) John, 64(7) Stacy, 64(8) Apollo C., 64(9) Lydia, 64(10) Solomon, 64(11) Rebecca, and 64(12) Lucretia. Census records[2] indicate there may be two additional sons and one daughter in the family. In any event, it seems likely that the children who lived to adulthood are as listed above. Copies of several interesting letters, dated between 1882 and 1895, involving Stacy, Thomas, Apollo, Lucretia, and their families are included at the end of this chapter.

The only known New Jersey records for James consists of the 1787 will of his father 128. John **STEPHENS**,[3] and the 1796 will of his grandfather 158. Edward Gaskill.[4] James migrated to Greene County, Pennsylvania by 1796 because he appears on the 1797 Greene County tax list which would have been made up in the fall of 1796.[5]

CENSUS RECORDS

James and family appear on the 1800 Whiteley Twp., Greene Co, PA census listing[6] as one male 0-9 years of age, one male 26-44 yrs., one female 0-9 yrs., and one female 16-25 yrs.

James and four of his brothers lived within a few miles of Newtown (Kirby P.O.), in Whiteley Twp., Greene Co., PA. The second of two houses owned by James (or his son, Apollo) near Newtown was still standing in 1984.[7] The 1810 Whiteley Twp. census listing[8] for James consists of three males 0-9 years of age, one male 10-15 yrs., one male 16-44 yrs., two females 0-9 yrs., and one female 26-44 yrs.

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1. West Augusta Historical and Genealogical Society, History of Wood County, West Virginia, page 221.

2. Alvah J. W. Headlee, The Stephens Family.

3. Monmouth Co., NJ, Will #5955M, Lib. 29, page 303.

4. Burlington, New Jersey Will file #11666C, recorded 13 September 1796, Lib. 35, page 419.

5. Dorothy T. Hennen, compiler, Cemetery Records of Greene Co., PA, Perry and Whiteley Twps., Vol. 12(Parsons, WV: McClain Publishing Co., 1979). This book has several tax lists for Greene Co. See also, Alvah J.W. Headlee, The Stephens Family.

6. Alvah J. W. Headlee, The Stephens Family.

7. Personal communication, letter and picture received from Walter Scott Stephens, Salem, West Virginia, dated 17 Feb. 1984. Some people believe this house belonged Apollo, son of James. See description of house at end of this chapter.

8. Alvah J.W. Headlee, The Stephens Family.

The 1820 Whiteley Twp., Greene Co.,PA census listing[1] for James shows four males 0-9 yrs. of age, two males 10-15 yrs., one male 18-25 yrs., one male age 45 plus, two females 0-9 yrs., two females 16-25, and one female 26-44 yrs.

The 1830 Whiteley Twp. census listing[2] shows one male 5-9 yrs. of age, two males 15-19 yrs., two males 20-29 yrs., one male[3] 60-69 yrs., one female 5-9 yrs., one female 10-14 yrs., one female 15-19 yrs., and one female 40-49 yrs.

James is listed on the Battelle dist., Monongalia Co., Virginia census[4] in 1840 with one male 15-19 yrs. of age, one male 70-79 yrs., one female 10-14 yrs., one female 20-29 yrs., and one female 60-69.

The next census[5] in 1850 finds James and family still in Battelle Dist., Monongalia Co., VA. James and family are listed as James Stevens, age 77, farmer, born in NJ; Mary A., age 70 born in MD; Rebecca, age 26, born in PA. This listing also gives the value of James real estate as $1000.

The 1860 Monongalia Co., (W)VA, census[6] lists James **STEPHENS**, age 86, born in NJ, living on Jakes Run with his son-in-law Simeon Tennant, age 39, born in VA, and daughter Lucretia (**STEPHENS**) Tennant, age 35, born in PA.

LAND TRANSACTIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA, INDIANA, & (WEST) VIRGINIA

Among the Greene Co., PA land records for James is one record[7] dated 9 Sept. 1803, in which John **STEPHENS** and his wife Rachel deed 35 & 1/4 acres in Greene Co. to his brother James. The land was sold for "100 pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania." James is listed as living in Whiteley Twp., and John as living in Deerfield, Ohio, at the time of the transaction. This land was described as being next to Edward **STEPHENS**, a brother of James and John.

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1. Cornerstone Genealogical Society, Compilers, Census Records of Greene County, Pennsylvania, Vol. 19, Whiteley Twps., 1820-1850-1880(Waynesburg, PA: Society, 1984).

2. Greene Co.,PA, 1830 census of Whiteley Twp., microfilm issued by National Archives.

3. Census listing of James is in error. James would have been age 56 at the time of the census listing.

4. Monongalia Co., (W)VA census records for 1840 on microfilm released by the U.S. National Archives.

5. Madeline W. Crickard, compiler, 1850 Census of Monongalia Co., (W)VA(Beverly, WV: Author, 1976), page 136.

6. Wes Cochran, Compiler, 1860 Census of Monongalia Co., (W)VA(Parkersburg, WV: 1987), page 25.

7. Greene Co., PA deeds, Book ___, Page 428, dated 9 September 1803, Recorded 17 October 1809.

In another Greene Co. land[1] transfer, James sold to Jacob Hatfield on 5 Oct. 1812, land in Whiteley Twp., on North Fork of Big Whiteley Creek. This was part of the land surveyed for Andrew Dye, dated 25 May 1785, called Sparrows Nest, granted by Patent 1 March 1790 , Pat. Book 16, page 172. Land was deeded to John **STEPHENS** and wife Rachel 11 Jan. 1796.

The tract of land[2] "Corpulency" located about one mile above Newtown in Greene Co.,PA, was patented in 1836 to James **STEPHENS**. This tract of land had been warranted to Henry Johnston in 1796, and was surveyed in 1816. James was known as "Shuck" **STEPHENS** and lived in Shuck Hollow. This farm was later owned by Eli Rose.[3] A four page writing[4] titled "**STEPHENS** HISTORY" states that James owned 300 acres of good land in Shuck Hollow, that was later owned by Eli Rose.

It appears that James **STEPHENS** lived and paid taxes in Greene Co., PA until 1834[5] when he moved to Shelby Co., Indiana. However, James returned to Greene Co. by 1836 and purchased the "Corpulency" tract.

Shelby County, Indiana land records indicate that James and Mary Ann **STEPHENS** moved there in 1834, but it seems they stayed there for less than one year before moving back East to Greene Co., PA.

The Shelby County land transactions were signed by James **STEPHENS**, and by her mark, Mary **STEPHENS**.

Land records are recorded for the purchase of at least three tracts of land in Shelby on 10 Dec. 1834. One record[6] is for 80 acres purchased for $80.00. Another record[7] lists two tracts of 160 acres each.

Almost immediately, James started selling his land. A deed[8] dated 7 Sept. 1835 records the sale of 160 acres for $300 to Joseph W. Swan. This deed was attested to by Thomas **STEPHENS**, son of James.

On 10 Oct. 1835, James and Mary **STEPHENS** sold three tracts of their Shelby County land. First, James sold 160 acres[9] to his

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1. Greene County, PA deed, Deed Book 5, Page 343.

2. Alvah J. W. Headlee, The Stephens Family, page 7.

3. L.K. Evans, Pioneer History of Greene County, Pennsylvania, page 106.

4. Included with some papers received from Dr. A.J.W. Headlee. A note attached to end of "History" indicates it had been copied in 1954 for Stacy Stephens (son of Spencer) of Mt. Morris, PA. An abstract of this paper is included at end of this chapter.

5. Personal communication, letter received from Dr. A.J.W. Headlee in 1984.

6. Shelby County, Indiana deeds, Deed Book G, Page 369.

7. Shelby County, Indiana, Tract Book, Page 79, Twp. 14, Range 8, Section 9.

8. Shelby County, Indiana Land Book E, Page 547.

9. Ibid, Book J, Page 450.

son Thomas **STEPHENS**, with the deed attested to by Stacy (son of James) **STEPHENS**, and Zaccheus Bennett, who was a Justice of the Peace. Second, James sold 80 acres[1] for $450 to Jacob Ash, as attested to by Thomas (son of James) **STEPHENS**. Next, James sold 80 acres[2] for $450 to his son Stacy **STEPHENS**.

On 14 Oct. 1835, James and Mary Ann **STEPHENS** signed a document[3] giving their son Stacy **STEPHENS** the Power of Attorney, so that Stacy, acting as an agent for James, could dispose of the remainder of the Shelby County land still owned by James and Mary.

More than a year later, on 7 January 1837, Stacy, acting as an agent for his father, James **STEPHENS**, sold two tracts of Shelby County land. Eighty acres[4] was sold for $400 to John and Philip Young. Another tract of 160 acres[5] was sold for $400 to A. and M. Simpkins.

A deed[6] recorded on 8 September 1840, indicates a sale by Stacy, acting for James **STEPHENS**, to Mr. Myers a tract of 160 acres for $420. This was probably the last of the land owned by James and Mary **STEPHENS** in Shelby County.

A Monongalia County, (West) Virginia Deed[7] dated 6 Sept. 1838 and recorded 12 March 1839, shows that John Hansel and Margaret, his wife, of Washington County, State of Ohio, sold to James **STEPHENS** of Monongalia County, VA, for $450.00, a tract of land containing 200 acres by survey. This land was part of a tract of 400 acres granted to George Snider bearing date of 8 Oct. 1789 at Richmond, VA. This deed conveyed 200 acres to James **STEPHENS** and his heirs and assigns forever, and was witnessed by Samuel Minor and Andrew Brown, both of whom were Justices of the Peace. This tract of land was located on Days Run, also called Jakes Run.

After James wife Mary Ann died, he sold[8] his Monongalia County farm, consisting of the 200 acres on Jakes Run indicated above, on 22 March 1858, to Jacob and Simon Tennant for $2500.00. The deed was recorded on 3 Oct. 1859, and was signed by James **STEPHENS**. Simeon Tennant was married to Lucretia **STEPHENS**, and was thus a son-in-law of James. The relationship of Jacob to Simon is unknown. James made his home with Lucretia and Simeon

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1. Ibid, Book F, Page 61.

2. Ibid, Book G, Page 187.

3. Ibid, Book G, page 188.

4. Ibid, Book H, Page 713.

5. Ibid, Book G, Page 696.

6. Ibid, Book J, Page 234.

7. Monongalia County, West Virginia deeds, Deed Book OS 15, Page 145. A copy of this deed is included at end of chapter.

8. Monongalia County, West Virginia deeds, Deed Book 1, Page 394.

Tennant on the family farm on Jakes Run, after he sold them his property.

Even though James indicated in his letter[1] to daughter Lydia, after the death of Mary Ann in 1857, that he intended to sell his property and live with his son Henry, the 1860 Monongalia Co. census and family history indicate that James made his home with his daughter Lucretia (**STEPHENS**) Tennant until his death in 1861.

MAIDEN NAME OF MARY ANN, WIFE OF JAMES STEPHENS

Unfortunately, no definite proof exists, to the authors knowledge, that Mary Ann is the daughter of Godfrey Stull. However, the total knowledge available indicates that this is the case. Some people believe that Mary Ann's maiden name is Steele, but there seems to be very little information available to support this view. In fact, it seems likely that the main confusion over the years regarding Mary Ann's maiden name revolves around interpreting the handwriting in many of the old records and manuscripts. In "longhand," especially when written carelessly, Stull and Steele look very much alike since the "u" in Stull can look very much like the "ee" in Steele. Likewise, the "ll" in Stull can look very much like the "le" in Steele.

The book, LOAR GENEALOGY[2], lists the maiden name of Mary Ann as Steele, but does not cite a source or list the names of her parents. It appears that the latter book is the main source cited by those who believe that Steele is the correct maiden name for Mary Ann. Dr. Alvah J. W. Headlee[3], a very competent genealogist and an authority on the family genealogies of the Greene Co., PA area, believes that Steele is the most likely surname for Mary Ann.

Mr. Wayne Jones[4], Houston, Texas, who has done very extensive research on the Stull family, especially the descendants of 130. Godfrey Stull, believes that there is no question but that Mary Ann is the daughter of Godfrey Stull. Among other things, Mr. Jones bases his conclusions on a Monongalia Co., VA deed[5] executed in 1827 by the heirs of Godfrey Stull, in which a James **STEPHENS** is listed as an heir. Strangely, the deed and related documents lists James **STEPHENS**, but no mention of Mary Ann **STEPHENS**. It is, of course, not unusual to see such strange things in many of the early

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1. Letter from James Stephens to his daughter, Lydia (Stephens) Golding, dated 12 May 1857.

2. Emma Loar Gaddis, Loar Genealogy(published by author, 1947), page 326.

3. Personal communication, letter received from Dr. Alvah J. W. Headlee, Morgantown, WV, dated 16 March 1984. Also see, Alvah J.W.H. Headlee, History of the Stephens Family.

4. Wayne Van Leer Jones, Houston, TX, Unpublished family history of Godfrey Stull family.

5. Monongalia County, West Virginia deeds, Deed Book OS 10, Pages 149-150.

nineteenth century records. The documents also list James **STEPHENS** as being of Monongalia Co., VA, and it is known that our James **STEPHENS** lived in Greene Co., PA at the time. However, some of the marriages of the daughters of James and Mary Ann took place in Monongalia Co., VA, and give the place of residence of James and Mary Ann as Monongalia Co., even though it is known that they lived in Greene Co., PA at the time. The Godfrey Stull estate sale bill[1] shows that a James **STEPHENS** made several purchases at the sale.

A handwritten history[2] dated Jan. 1937, and believed to have been written by Jesse T. **STEPHENS**, states that James **STEPHENS** married Mary Ann Stuhl (sic), but does not cite a source. Mrs. Grace Reisig[3], of Wisconsin, apparently did a lot of research on the **STEPHENS** family and at first believed that Mary Ann's maiden name was Steele, but between 1969 and 1976 became convinced that it should be Mary Ann Stull.

It should also be noted that Richard Morris[4], who was a proven son-in-law of Godfrey Stull and was named in Godfrey's estate settlement, served as a bondsman for the marriage of two daughters of James and Mary Ann **STEPHENS**, 64(2) Jane, and 64(3) Barbara. Richard Morris wrote a note attached to the marriage bond[5] of Jane **STEPHENS** to Lemuel Snodgrass as follows:

> July the 6th 1823
> Mr. Thomas P. _?_, Sir I take this opportunity to inform you that there is a young woman living with me three years by the name of Jane **STEPHENS** / and she is of full age and she _?_ _?_ to marry and her father lives away in Pennsylvania. I talked to the old man my self and he said that he was willing for her to marry Lemuel Snodgrass.
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> This from your friend
> (signed) Richard Morriss

It is interesting to note that Jane was living with her Uncle

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1. Monongalia County, West Virginia, Estate Book 2, pages 234-236.

2. A handwritten family history believed to have been written by Jesse T. Stephens, Box 208, Witkes, AK, was sent by Myrtle Stephens to Mrs. Emma Loar Gaddis on 4 Oct. 1939. This history was titled as Genealogy of the Stephens Family from First Settlement in America to Jan. 1, 1937. A copy of this document is included at the end of this chapter.

3. Letter (1) from Grace E. (Mrs. Edmund) Reisig, 318 Maywood Ave., Monroe, Michigan, dated 17 April 1969 to Mrs. Lillian Evans, Blacksville, WV, and letter (2) from Mrs. Reisig to Mrs. Lanora Nyquist of Vista, CA, dated 1976.

4. Richard Morris also served as an administrator for the estate of Godfrey Stull.

5. Monongalia County, West Virginia , Marriage Bond dated 10 July 1823 for marriage of Jane Stephens and Lemuel Snodgrass.

Richard Morris (assuming that Mary Ann is the daughter of Godfrey Stull) at the time of her marriage.

A note attached to the marriage bond[1] of Barbara **STEPHENS** to Levi Arnett reads as follows:

> February the ninth 1823
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> Mr. Nimrod Evans, sir Please to let Levy Arnett have a license to marry my Daughter Barbary **STEPHENS**.
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> This given under my hand
> (signed) James **STEPHENS**
> (signed) Richard Morriss

The above information concerning Richard Morris shows that there must have been a close family tie to James and Mary Ann **STEPHENS**.

Sarah (Phares) **STEPHENS**, wife of 64(7) Stacy **STEPHENS**, son of James and Mary Ann, wrote[2] a history of her family dated 14 Nov. 1898, in which she states that James married Mary Ann Stull. This was a handwritten history that may have been recopied more than once, and it would be possible to interpret the writing as either Stull or Steele with Stull appearing to be the best bet.

It should also be noted that Godfrey Stull is included on the 1797 Tax List of Greene Co, PA,[3] which means that Mary Ann Stull would most likely have been living in Greene Co. when she and James **STEPHENS** were married in 1798/99.

Walter Scott **STEPHENS** of Salem, WV, who was born in 1897, wrote[4] "I know that my father Henry **STEPHENS** married Barbara Stull for his first wife and she was his first cousin." Barbara was the daughter of Samuel Stull, who was a brother of Mary Ann Stull **STEPHENS**.

Finally, LaNora Nyquist[5], of Vista, CA, who has probably done more research and collected more information on the the **STEPHENS** family than any other known person, fully believes that the evidence cited fully supports the belief that Mary Ann is, in fact, a daughter of Godfrey Stull.

This writer believes, based on all the information available, that Mary Ann's maiden name is **STULL**, and that she is

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1. Monongalia County, WV Marriage Bond dated 10 February 1822 for marriage of Barbara Stephens and Levi Arnett.

2. Two page "History of Stacy and Sarah Stephens" signed by Sarah (Phares) Stephens and dated 14 November 1898. A copy of this document is included at the end of the chapter.

3. Dorothy T. Hennen, compiler, Cemetery Records of Greene Co., PA, Perry & Whiteley Twps., Vol. 12. Book also contains several tax lists for Greene Co.

4. Personal communication, letter to author from Walter Scott Stephens, Box 285, Salem, WV, dated 17 Feb. 1984.

5. Letters to author from LaNora Nyquist, Vista, CA, 1983-87.

the daughter of Godfrey Stull. Perhaps someday, "smoking gun" type evidence will surface which will establish once and for all the true maiden name of Mary Ann.

STULL FAMILY[1]

The ancestry of the Stull family is unclear, but 130. Godfrey Stull, was born ca. 1735 in Germany, and died 25 December 1821 in Palatine Hollow, Monongalia County, (W)VA. He married 131. Barbara Carman, believed to be the daughter of Leonard Carman, ca. 1780, probably in Pennsylvania. Barbara was born in 1748, in Carlisle, Lancaster County, PA. After Godfrey died, Barbara married Thomas Knight, a widower, on 30 March 1824, in Monongalia County, (West) Virginia. Barbara died ca. 1844, probably in Monongalia County. Family records indicate that Godfrey served in the Revolutionary War, but no official records have been found to indicate such. Godfrey Stull died intestate and Richard Morris (his son-in-law) and Barbara Stull (his widow) were named administrators.[2] Both Godfrey and Barbara are buried on their family farm, called "Palatine Hollow," Monongalia County.[3]

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1. Wayne Van Leer Jones, Houston, TX, unpublished family history of Godfrey Stull family.

2. Monongalia Co., WV estate records. Estate Book 2, pages 232-326 and 324-325.

3. Wayne Van Leer Jones, Houston, TX, unpublished family history of Godfrey Stull family. Mr. Jones cites references which indicated that "in 1896 their (Godfrey's & Barbara's) burial lot was in excellent condition and surrounded by a neat fence."

SECTION 2.
Miscellaneous Documents

UNPROBATED WILL
WRITTEN BY 64. JAMES STEPHENS DATED 27 JAN. 1847

The following will is believed to have been written by James **STEPHENS**, but it was never probated. The will was written in 1847, and James died in 1861 after he had already disposed of his property, and his wife Mary Ann had died. James does not list four of his children in his will, Thomas, Samuel, John, and Lydia.

I, James **STEPHENS** of Monongalia in the State of Virginia do make, publish this my last will and Testament hereby Revoking and void all former will by me at any time heretofore made. First I bequest that my Body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner Corresponding with my estate and situation in life and to such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the Same in the following manner (to wit) I direct first that all my Just Debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible and of the first money that shall come to the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate real or personal. I give Bequeath unto my beloved wife during her life time one third of my Real Estate to be given to her off of the Lower end of the Farm and also I bequeath unto her all the Household furniture only what belongs to Rebecca her life time and her mare and saddle and Cow and three sheep one Hog. I also Bequeath unto Rebecca **STEPHENS** my daughter all the house hold furniture belongs to her. Also the young Horse the Loom her Hogs and Cow and Heifer to her. I also give to Lucretia Tennant Forty Dollars besides what she has got. Also give to Solomon **STEPHENS** my son fifty Dollars and the other two-Thirds of my land to be sold and divided between Henry **STEPHENS** Jane Snodgrass Barbary Arnett Apollo **STEPHENS** and Rebecca **STEPHENS** share and share alike by by Executors Stacy **STEPHENS** and Apollo **STEPHENS**. I also order and direct that the one third given to my wife, that after her Death it be sold and given to the same one to wit Henry Jane Barbary Apollo and Rebecca by my Executors Stacy **STEPHENS** and Apollo **STEPHENS**. Also I further bequeath that all my out Standing debts and what money if any on hands after my decease be collected and disposed of by my executors in the Same way of my real estate Share and Share Alike to each one I further Direct that - there be no interest charged on any of the money that my son Stacy **STEPHENS** owes and that he must have time given to pay it in and not be pushed till he has time. I further give and bequeath unto my grandson James Noah **STEPHENS** of Stacy **STEPHENS** my trunk and all my Clothes and I further Direct that all my personal property that is not

heretofore disposed of in this will be sold by my executors and equally divided among the same ones (to wit) Henry Jane Barbary Apollo and Rebecca. I further charge Jane Snodgrass with $50.00 Barbary Arnett with $20.00. I also make and ordain my two Sons Stacy **STEPHENS** and Apollo **STEPHENS** Executors of this my last will and Testament.

James **STEPHENS** the Testator hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty Seventh day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty seven.

(signed by his mark) James **STEPHENS**

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the above named James **STEPHENS** Senior as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed our names as a witness thereto in the presence of each other.

(signed) Teddy Provence
(signed) Stacy **STEPHENS**
(signed) John W. Provence

NOTE: Copies of the above will were received from both LaNora Nyquist, Vista, CA, and from Dr. Alvah J. W. Headlee, Morgantown, WV.

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DEED
MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
DEED BOOK OS-15, PAGE 145

John Hauzel and wife Margaret to James Stephens
Dated 6 September 1838

This indenture made this sixth of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight Between John Hauzel & Margaret his wife of Washington County, State of Ohio of the one part and James **STEPHENS** of Monongalia Co., Va. of the other part: Witnessed that the sa John Hauzel & Margaret his wife for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred & fifth dollars the receipt whereof hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold aliened enieoffed released and confirmed to the s James **STEPHENS** his heirs & assigns all that track or parcel of land leaving and being in Monongalia Co. Vir ..Being part of a track of 400 hundred acres granted unto George Snider bearing date at Richmond the eight day of October one thousand seven hundred eighty nine Bounded as follows Beginning at a Sycamore tree and running North sixteen degrees west forty five poles to a

black oak tree thence North Eighty five degrees West one hundred and sixty poles to a white oak thence North eleven degrees East one hundred & twenty poles to a chestnut oak tree thence North forty two degrees East eighty poles Bounded and home to his other land and running thence South seventy degrees East two hundred and four poles to bounding the outline of the said track and running with the said outline south thirty one degrees west one hundred and Eighty poles to the beginning containing Two hundred acres by survey to have and to hold the above described track of land with the appurtenances therewith to the said James **STEPHENS** his heirs and assigns to the only to the own proper use and behalf of the said James **STEPHENS** his heirs and assigns forever and the said John Hauzel & Margaret his wife or his heirs or assigns to hereby covenant and agree with the said James **STEPHENS** his heirs or assigns shall and will quit claim and forever defend from his heirs or assigns and wife. In testimony whereof the aforesaid John Hauzel hath here-in-to set his hand and seal.

John Hauzel <seal>
(spelled in German)

her
Margaret X Hauzel
mark

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DEED
GREENE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
Dated: 9 September 1803, Recorded: 17 October 1809
Book ___, Page 428
JOHN STEPHENS & WIFE RACHEL TO JAMES STEPHENS

THIS INDENTURE made the ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three By and BETWEEN JOHN **STEPHENS** and RACHEL his wife of the Township of Deerfield in the MIAMMI of the one part, and James **STEPHENS** of the Township of Whitely County of Green and State of Pennsylvania of the other part.

WITNESSETH, That the said John **STEPHENS** and Rachel his wife in and for the consideration of One hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania by the said James **STEPHENS** to them well and truely in hand paid the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge HAVE granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain and sell unto the said James **STEPHENS** his heirs and assigns all that tract and parcel of land situate lying and being on the North fork of Whitely Creek in the Township of Whitely County of Greene and State of Pennsylvania it being a part of the same which was

surveyed for Andrew Dye, in pursuance of a Warrant granted to him (dated the 25th: day of May 1785.) called SPARROW'S NEST (and granted to him, the said Andrew Dye by Pattent dated the 1st: day of March 1790.) and inrolled in the Roll's office of Pennsylvania in Pattent Book No. 16, page 172, the 3d: day of March 1790.) deeded to me the said John **STEPHENS** by Andrew Dye & wife the 11th: day of January 1796.) the same recorded in the Office at Washington in Book M: page 242. 1796.)

BEGINNING at a white oak from thence by vacant land South fifty two degrees East sixty two oak, from thence South two degrees West eghty perches to white oak, from thence by land of Henry Jackson--------
--East fifty six perches to the place of BEGINNING containing thirty five and one quarter acres with the allowance of six per cent for roads &c.

TOGETHER with all and singular the rites titles liberties previleges and whatever thereunto belonging unto the said James **STEPHENS** and his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behooff of the said James **STEPHENS** and his heirs and assigns forever and the said John **STEPHENS** and Rachel his wife for themselves and their heirs and assigns, the said hereby granted premises and every part and parcel thereof unto the said James **STEPHENS** his heirs and assigns shall forever worrant and defend against all and every person or persons claiming or to claim by through or under them or their heirs or assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and seals this ninth day of September the year above written.

John Stepens <seal>

Rachel X Stevens
her mark

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in the presents of us

Stephen Crane

Esther X Crane
her mark

RECEIVED the day and year above writen of James **STEPHENS** one hundred pounds it being the full consideration money above mentioned.

Jhn Stevens <seal>

Test:
John Fordyce

GREENE COUNTY) SS:

Be it remembred that on the twenty eight day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven before me the Subscriber one of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace in and for said County personally appeared the within named John **STEPHENS** and Rachel his wife the Granters and acknowledged the within Deed of Conveyance to be their Act and Deed for the intents and purposes within mentioned. She the said Rachel **STEPHENS** wife of the said John **STEPHENS** being a part and seperate from her said husband by me examined did declare that she made the same acknowledgment of her own voluntary consent without being compelled thereto through fear or threats of her said husband, and desires the same may be recorded and remain in full force and coercion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid.

Joseph Gibbens <seal>

RECORDED 17th: October 1809

Examd: JOHN BORMAN Recorder

Monongalia County to wit; We Samuel Minor and Andrew Brown Justices of the peace in and for such County in the state of Virginia do certify that John Hauzel this day appeared before us to certify his said acknowledgement to the clerk of said county in order that said deed may be recorded. And we do further certify that on the same day appeared before us Margaret the wife of the said John Hauzel who we examined separate and apart from her husband and after having the said clerk fully explained to her she acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she done so without any fear threats or persuasion of her said husband and wished not to retract.

Given under our hands and seals the 6th of September 1838.

Sam E. Minor <seal>

Andrew Brown <seal>

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LETTER WRITTEN BY 64. JAMES STEPHENS DATED 12 MAY 1857

The following is a letter sent by James to his daughter 64(9) Lydia (STEPHENS) Golding informing her of the death of her mother, 65. Mary Ann (Stull) STEPHENS. Copy of letter received from Wayne Jones, Houston, Texas, in 1986, with a notation that the original was in possession (10 April 1973) of Lydia's great-great-granddaughter, Mildred Ruth (Bellis) Leonard.

Jakes Run Mon. Co. Va. May 12, 1857

Dear Children this will inform you that I am enjoying as good health as the nature of the case will admit of. Old and frail as I am my time on Earth will not be long but I have a hope that when this mortal tenement shall be dissolved I have an house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. I will now inform you that your Dear Mother is no more after a protracted illness her happy spirit took its flight to the regions of celestial bliss on Sunday the 10 th last. I am going to dispose of all my property on the 21 st Instant and then make my home with Henry STEPHENS. As I have several letters to write to my other children these few lines will have to suffice for the present. Write as soon as possible. So no more as present but remain your affectionate...

Father farewell

(signed) James STEPHENS

Lydia Golden (sic)

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DESCRIPTION OF LOG HOUSE
Belonging To

APOLLO STEPHENS (1813-1901)
Near Kirby, Greene Co., Pennsylvania

Note: The following description was received from Gerald STEPHENS, Morgantown, WV, 26 February 1989.

Apollo is a son of James and Mary Ann (Stull) STEPHENS. Some believe that the house actually first belonged to James STEPHENS.

Description of Log House of Apollo Stephens s/o James Stephens, about 2 mi. from Kirby, PA, on head of Shannon Run. In 1988, house was being dismantled and moved to Greensboro, PA.

House: 10 x 22 feet on outside, not counting extensions of logs at corners.

Foundation is of field stones laid up with clay and grass mixed mortar.

Each log, about 16 inches diameter, is from a barked poplar tree adzed to about 12 inches thick. Fillers, similar to a split rail, filled spaces between crooked logs before mortaring. These pieces, rails, are held in place with pegs wedged in bored holes and these rails were spliced as needed.

First floor is 6 logs high, second is 4 logs to square. It appears original house had a front and back door, and two windows on the first floor. Second floor had two small windows, one on each end, (gable). Door and window frames are held in place with wooden pegs. Inside of logs are furred out and horizontally covered with 8 in wide popular boards.

Bottom floor is laid on 6 oak logs adzed to level. Upper floor is laid on 6 poplar logs adzed to about 4 x 8 inches (very neatly). Stairway is "U" shaped, taking up about 36 sq. ft. An area of six ft. sq. placed beside chimney space, beneath the stairs, is enclosed to be used for storage. A huge chimney and fireplace on one end (shown as a door in picture) had an opening about 5 x 5 ft., and about 8 ft. wide overall, on 18 inches thick walls. The chimney had irons to hold pots mounted in chimney or fireplace. The chimney is made of field stones, mortared same as for logs. The rafters were made of saplings about 6 inches diameter. adzed to plane on one side.

Bottom floor consists of hand tongue and grooved 1 1/4 inch thick oak boards, about 12 inches wide. Upper floor same except made of popular. Several holes boarded in sleepers were probably used to push flooring together as it was being nailed with square cut nails. There are many holes at various locations in wall logs, probably used as hangers. There is no indication of walls to be used for divisions in house.

There are two dug wells, one 10 ft. from house (back door) is 15 ft. deep, with bottom consisting of a vain of coal. This well has pure "sulfur" water. The other well is 12 ft. deep and is about 150 ft. away from the house, and is more or less a wet weather well.

The present owner (1988) when shown picture of a house said to have belonged to James **STEPHENS**, said it looked same as Apollo's except for the basement on one end. He said that in fact, without the basement, they looked identical. The present owner had lived in this house in 1940's. All porches, etc., are held to house with wooden pegs.

All corners were inverted "V" fit and pegged. Walter Scott **STEPHENS**, s/o Henry, s/o Apollo, remembers visiting this house as a child. Walter was about 4 years old when Apollo died, so probably one of Apollo's children also lived there.

Note: Walter Scott Stephens of Salem, WV, grandson of Apollo, has indicated that the house described above was built (or owned) by James **STEPHENS**, father of Apollo. It seems most likely, however, that Apollo was the first owner of the house.

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LETTER

To: Stacy Stephens, Kansas
From: Apollo (Pollard) and Maria Stephens

The letter below is a transcription of a photocopy of a typewritten copy of the original letter received from Gerald **STEPHENS**, Morgantown, WV. Both Stacy and Apollo are sons of James and Mary Ann (Stull) **STEPHENS**. Some misspelled words were corrected.

Kirby, Pa.
Feb. the 28th 1893

Dear Brother & family

Your letter recd. we were very glad to hear from you once more - have been wondering why you did not write - we old folks are just able to get around the house & take care & wait on ourselves - times here are about the same as with you as near as I can tell you. The winter has been very severe cold. Wheat is .75, corn .60, potatoes .60, grain & rough food is very scarce here. Bacon is from .12 to .15 cents per pound. Our children & friends as far as we know are all well. I can only study out three of our school mates that are now living. Their names are Abner Bailey, Samuel Guthery, Barbara Delany - thought of one more, Katy Haines. I am the oldest **STEPHENS** that I know of in Greene County that is a kin to us. Grandma says I am as strong a Baptist as she is.. Brother Thomas and I have worked hard to make a living & I am afraid he sees harder times now than he ever saw in his life before - he has been dabbling with his children till they have about dabbled him out of his living. You spoke about horses being no price - we will just have to do as we did fifty years ago - take just what we could get for them. This is the 2nd day of March. I will be 80 years old the 22nd day of this month. Maria will be 73 the 19th day of next May. You spoke about having such severe colds. The best remedy I can find - better than all the Doctor's medicine I can get - is just roast my feet completely by the fire. Tell me th age of you and your wife. Brother lets not be as dilatory in regard to writing - lets write a little oftener. Yours affectionately.

Pollard **STEPHENS**
Maria **STEPHENS**

LETTER

To: Stacy and Sarah Stephens, Kansas
From: Simeon and Lucretia (Stephens) Tennant, Jakes Run, WV

The letter below is a transcription of a photocopy of a typewritten copy of the original letter, received from Gerald **STEPHENS**, Morgantown, WV, 1989.

March the 7th 1895

Dear Brother

I seat myself down to drop you a few more lines to let you know why I am writing so soon - I wrote you a letter last week and when Okey took it to the Office he brought one back that Thomas son Sim had wrote to me and told me about the death of our brother Thomas - he was taken sick on the 20th of February and died the 26th he was unconscious from the time he was taken sick till died - the palsy was the cause of his death - I will now bring my few lines to a close hoping to hear from you soon.

Simeon and Lucretia Tennant

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LETTER

To: Simeon Tennant, Jakes Run, Monongalia Co., WV
From: Simeon Stephens, Galletin, Marion Co., WV

Simeon Tennant is the husband of Lucretia (**STEPHENS**) Tennant. Lucretia is the daughter of James & Mary Ann (Stull) **STEPHENS**. Simeon is a son of Thomas **STEPHENS**. Thomas is brother to Lucretia. The transcription below was made from a photocopy of a typewritten copy of the original letter supplied by Gerald **STEPHENS**, Morgantown, WV, 1989.

Galletin, W. Va.
Feb. 26, 1895

Mr. Simeon Tennant
Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that Lucretia's brother Thomas **STEPHENS**, died this morning at 5 o'clock. The cause of death being palsy and then turned to blood poison. He was taking sick the 20th. of this month and was almost entirely unconscious from the beginning of his sickness. He was buried at Highland. The rest of us are well as usual.

Very respectfully yours,
Simeon **STEPHENS**

LETTER

To: Stacy and Sarah Stephens, Kansas
From: Simeon and Lucretia Tennant, Jakes Run, Monongalia Co,WV

The letter below is a transcription of a photocopy of a typewritten copy of the original letter. Copy supplied by Gerald **STEPHENS**, Morgantown, WV, 1989. Stacy and Lucretia are the children of James and Mary Ann (Stull) **STEPHENS**.

April the 2nd 1894

Dear Brother and Sister

I seat myself down to answer your letter which I received the 31 and was glad to hear from you all but sorrow to hear that you are not all well as common - your letter found us all well as common but not stout it is no use for us to complain for we are the youngest ones - cousin Rodney was at our house last night and stayed till this morning - he told me to tell you that he was 81 years old today and that he was well as common but not worth much - he is broke down and not stout anymore - he told us that our brother Thomas **STEPHENS** had took sick last Sunday with a stroke of the palsy - he hasn't swallowed a bit of anything yet on Wednesday - the last we heard from him - but he could still talk yet - he is living with his son Simeon. Now Stacy I don't get to hear from Thomas - only just as people tells me - I ain't able to go and see him and he never writes to me - it has been about 2 weeks since I heard from brother Pollard - he is well as common so that he can see around about his stuff this winter - Cain Mahalies Pritchard is alive yet and so she goes about same as well as could be expected of a woman of her age. Sally Efaw was well as common the last I heard from her so she could do her own work yet - the rest of the friends as far as we hear are all in common health - we have had the warmest winter that we have had for many a winter - we had one big snow but it did not last very long and we are having a right cool spell now - it has been so cold for the last week that people thinks that the fruit is all killed. You told me some time ago that you had a 8 acre peach orchard - is it a good orchard yet or what has become of it. I want to know what has become of your cousin Nicholas Halstead. I want to know if your son James has got any children yet or is he going to follow our example. Through I want to know if your son Enoch is single yet or not. I want to know if he is still farming for you and tending to your business for you yet - you wanted to know where John Province is now. I have not heard anything from him since just after his wife died - he got married again right away - there was hard thoughts between him and his children and he took his wife and went to the far west and took up a homestead the last account I had - he did not write to his

children nor them to him so you see I have no chance of giving you any satisfaction about him - he has a daughter Unis living in Kansas - you could write to her and find out where to write to him if she is there yet - we will have to bring my letter to a close for this - perhaps I will have better news to write next time so write soon - good bye - this is from Simeon and Lucretia Tennant to Stacy and Sarah **STEPHENS**.

Write soon.

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LETTER

To: Stacy Stephens, Kansas
From: Thomas Stephens, Marion County, WV

Stacy and Thomas are sons of James and Mary Ann (Stull) **STEPHENS**. Letter below is a transcription of a photocopy of a typewritten copy of the original letter, supplied by Gerald **STEPHENS**, Morgantown, WV, 1989. Some misspelled words were corrected.

23 July 1882
Stacy **STEPHENS**

After a long absence and neglect to write to you I embrace the present opportunity to write you a few lines to let you know that I have not entirely forgot you we are enjoying only moderate health at present. Thru the past winter I was pretty much confined to the house unable to do any thing, but have got able to work again the weather this season up to the present time has been extremely wet - our harvest has commenced - wheat crops is the best that they have been for years past but it is to be feared that the wet season will damage the wheat crops, if it continues to rain the two weeks to come as it has the two weeks past our wheat.

He is only able to get about on his crutches - my Post office is changed direct to Thomas **STEPHENS**, Metz, Marion County, West Virginia.

Let me hear from you soon - I will close for the present.

We still remain yours till death

Thomas **STEPHENS** and family

GENEOLOGY OF THE STEPHENS FAMILY FROM FIRST SETTLEMENT IN AMERICA TO JANUARY 1 - 1937

The following is an exact typed copy of a handwritten three page history found in the Lillian Evans files by Dr. A.J.W. Headlee on 21 July 1982. Dr. Headlee believes this is probably the family history sent by Jessie T. **STEPHENS**, Box 208, Witkes, AK in 1939 to Myrtle **STEPHENS**, 1707 E. Washington St., Bloomington, IL, and then sent by Myrtle **STEPHENS** to Mrs. Gaddis on 4 Oct. 1939. Dr. Headlee sent a copy of this history to this author in September 1983, with the following warning: "ALL MIXED UP, DON'T USE UNLESS VERIFIED FROM OTHER SOURCES."

John and Robert **STEPHENS** (Scotsmen) emigrated from England to America about the year 1720, settling in New Jersey at Jersey City. Both being married, their wives being Scott women.

John was a farmer. Robert a machinist, who after ward became prominent in engine and ship building.

John and his wife had eight children, six boys and two girls, Their names being John, Edward, Apollo, Stacey, Thomas, and James. The girls were Lucretia and Mary.

The boys excepting James being soldiers in the Revolutionary War. James being 16 years of age was left at home with his sisters. The parents were dead.

John was killed battle.

Stacey was crippled by a bullet, the others coming back without serious wounds. After the war ended they migrated over the mountains to Greene County, Pennsylvania where they all settled and married.

Edward married a Woodward.

Mary married John Long who crossed the mountains with them.

Lucretia married Levi Morris in Pennsylvania.

James married Mary Stuhl, daughter of John Stuhl also a soldier in the Revolution, who the others married are unknown.

Apollo was a blacksmith, the rest were farmers. Apollo migrated to Ohio about 1820. Thomas also went to Ohio about 1835.

Apollo went to Zanesville. Thomas went to Chillocothe. The rest died in Pennsylvania except James who died in Monongahela, Virginia where he had made his home in his later years.
James, and wife Mary, settled on a farm two miles south of Greensburg, Pa. They had 12 children who lived to maturity. Henry, Samuel and Jane born on the first farm. James then sold the farm and bought a farm of 4o0 acres, five miles south of Greensburg, where were born Barbara, Thomas, Stacey, Relydia, Apollo, John, Rebecca, Solomon and Lucretia.

Henry married Nancy Campbell, daughter of John Campbell, a Scotsman, in 1810 at Morgantown, Virginia.

Samuel married Margaret Stump.

Jane married Lemuel Snodgrass.

Barbara married Levi Arnott.

Thomas married Mahala Amos of Marion Co., VA.

Stacey married Sarah Ferris of Indiana.

Relydia married James Golden of Indiana.

Apollo married Sarah Myers of Newtown, Green Co., Pa.

John died single age about 26 years.

Rebecca married _____ Wagoner in Monongahela Co.

Solomons wife is unknown - married at Morgantown - Va.

Lucretia married Simeon Tennant at Morgantown - Va.

Henry and Nancy **STEPHENS** had 10 children. Lucinda married Horace South in Green Co., Pa. Rachel married Lewis Owens in Green Co., Pa. James married Sarah Headley in Green Co., Pa. Sarah married Edmund Whitlatch in Green Co., Pa. Henry married Elinor Hull or Sickles in Green Co., Pa. John married Caroline Rush in Green Co., Pa. Oct. 8-1854. Stacey married Elizabeth Henkins - Sept. 1859 at Princeton - Illinois. Apollo married Elizabeth Rose in Green Co., Pa. - 1865. Noah married Margaret Kiger at Newtown, Green Co., Pa. in 1866.

HISTORY OF STACY AND SARAH (PHARES) STEPHENS
DATED 14 November 1989
WRITTEN BY SARAH STEPHENS

The following article is a transcription of a handwritten two page document signed by Sarah **STEPHENS**. The article appears to be a photocopy of the original, but the article may have been recopied in a handwriting other than Sarah's.

History of Stacy and Sarah

Father Phares came from England to New Jersey. My grandfather lived in New Jersey Grandfather Brown came from Ireland when a boy to South Carolina. My Father was a son of William Phares and Mother a daughter of Matthew Brown. I was born in Ohio, Hamilton Co., Crosby Township on the 5th of July 1817. My father lived there until I was eight years old. Mother died & Father moved to Shelby Co., Indiana. I lived there with my father & grandfather till I was 18 years old. Pa's father name was James **STEPHENS** & his mother name was Mary Ann Stull before she was married. He was born in Pennsylvania, Green Co. Sep. 4th 1811, on Whitely Creek near New Town. I was 18 and he was 22 years old when we were married. We were married on the 24th of Sept. 1835 at Matthew Brown's by John Golding. We lived there ten years - we had five children, John P., James N., Rebecca Jane, Stacy Henry, and William Thomas. Pa lost his health and we moved to Monongalia County, Virginia. We lived there three years and a half. Naomi Ann was born. Then we moved to Washington County, Ohio. We lived there twenty years - during that time Samuel M., Sarah M., Barbary L., Enoch E., and Nancy Lydia were born. We moved to Kansas in 1869. Pa died July 4, 1896. I still remain but how soon or how long it will be till I am called for I can't say.

(Signed) Sarah **STEPHENS**

Nov. 14 / 1898

SECTION 3.

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS
JAMES STEPHENS and HIS CHILDREN

HUSBAND: 64. **James (Shuck) STEPHENS**
B: 06 Sep 1773 @ Freehold,Monmouth Co,NJ
M: 15 May 1798/99 @ Whiteley Twp.,PA (??) (Widowed)
D: 08 Jul 1861 @ Jakes Run,Monongalia Co,WV
FATHER: 128. **John STEPHENS Sr.**
MOTHER: 129. **Lucretia GASKILL**

WIFE: 65. **Mary Ann STULL**
B: 29 Nov 1781 @ Middletown,Frederick Co, MD
D: 10 May 1857 @ Battelle Dist.,Monongalia Co.,WV
FATHER: 130. **Godfrey STULL**
MOTHER: 131. **BARBARA CARMAN**

CHILDREN

1 M 64(1) **Henry STEPHENS**
B: 07 Jan 1799 @ Whiteley Twp.,Greene Co,PA
M: ca 1818 to Nancy CAMBELL @ Greene Co,PA (Widowed)
RM: after 1857 to Nancy LANTZ
D: 08 Jun 1877 @ Wayne Twp,Greene Co,PA

2 F 64(2) **Jane STEPHENS**
B: 10 Mar 1803 @ Whiteley Twp,Greene Co,PA
M: 10 Jul 1823 to Lemuel SNODGRASS @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 13 Sep 1888 @ Diamond Springs,Morris Co,Kansas

3 F 64(3) **Barbara STEPHENS**
B: 1804 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 10 Feb 1823 to Levi ARNETT @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 10 Jul 1857 @ Big Paw Paw,Monongalia Co,VA

4 M 64(4)32 **Samuel STEPHENS**
B: ca 1807 @ Greene Co.,PA
M: ca 1826 to 33. **Margaret (HAGANS ?)** @ prob. Greene Co.,PA
D: 16 Jan 1873 @ Tyler Co.,WV

5 M 64(5) **Thomas Jackson STEPHENS**
B: 05 Dec 1809 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 21 Nov 1836 to Mahala AMOS @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 26 Feb 1895 @ Marion Co,WV

6 M 64(6) **John STEPHENS**
B: ca 1810 @ Greene Co,PA
D: 1836 ??

7 M 64(7) **Stacy STEPHENS**
B: 04 Sep 1811 @ Newtown,Greene Co,PA
M: 24 Sep 1835 to Sarah PHARES @ Shelby Co,IN
D: 04 Jul 1896 @ Franklin Co,Kan

CHILDREN (Continued)

8 M 64(8) **Apollo C. (Pollard) STEPHENS**
B: 22 Mar 1813 @ Newtown,Greene Co,PA
M: ca 1832 to Sarah (Sally) MEYERS (Widowed)
RM: after 1882 to Mariah (?)
D: 11 Apr 1901 @ Greene Co,PA

9 F 64(9) **Lydia STEPHENS**
B: 18 Jun 1817 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 25 Sep 1835 to William GOLDING Rev.
@ Shelbyville,Shelby Co,IN
D: 29 Mar 1885 @ Blockton,Taylor Co,Iowa

10 M 64(10) **Solomon STEPHENS**
B: ca 1823 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 27 May 1847 to Amanda MADERA @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 14 Mar 1885 @ IOWA

11 F 64(11) **Rebecca STEPHENS**
B: 1824 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 22 Sep 1855 to Solomon WAGONER @ Monongalia Co,WV
(Widowed)
D: 29 Jun 1880 @ Monongalia Co,WV

12 F 64(12) **Lucretia (Creecy) STEPHENS**
B: 17 Jan 1826 @ Greene Co,PA
M: by 1850 to Simon (Sim) TENNANT @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 07 Dec 1899 @ Monongalia Co,WV

HUSBAND: 64(1) **Henry STEPHENS**
B: 07 Jan 1799 @ Whiteley Twp.,Greene Co,PA
M: ca 1818 to wife below @ Greene Co,PA (Widowed)
OM: after 1857 to Nancy LANTZ
D: 08 Jun 1877 @ Wayne Twp,Greene Co,PA
FATHER: 64. James (Shuck) **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 65. Mary Ann STULL

WIFE: Nancy CAMBELL
B: 30 Jun 1799/1801 @ Greene Co,PA
D: 05 Apr 1863 @ Greene Co,PA
FATHER: John CAMPBELL

CHILDREN

1 F Lucinda **STEPHENS**
B: ca 1819 @ Greene Co,PA
M: by 1838 to Harrison SOUTH @ Greene Co,PA (Widowed)
D: @ Wood Co,WV ?

2 F Rachel **STEPHENS**
B: ca 1821 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to Louis OWENS @ Greene Co,PA

3 M James **STEPHENS**
B: 03 Oct 1824 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 06 Apr 1848 to Sarah HEADLEE @ Greene Co,PA
D: @ Wood Co,WV ?

4 F Sarah Jane **STEPHENS**
B: 28 Aug 1826 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 08 Mar 1846 to Edward WHITLATCH
@ Blackville,Greene Co,PA (Widowed)
D: 12 Jul 1903 @ Herndon,Wood Co,WV

5 M John **STEPHENS**
B: 1828/1830 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 08 Oct 1854 to Caroline RUSH @ Greene Co,PA

6 M Henry G. **STEPHENS**
B: 12 Dec 1832 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to Eleanor (Ellen) HULL/SICKLER
D: @ IL ?

7 M Stacy **STEPHENS**
B: 13 Mar 1834 @ Greene Co,PA
M: Sep 1859 to Elizabeth HENKINS @ Princeton/Bureau Co,IL

8 M Apollo **STEPHENS**
B: 1835/36 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 1865 to Elizabeth ROSE @ Greene Co,PA

9 M Mark Henry **STEPHENS**
B: 10 May 1838 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to Sarah SWARTZ
RM: to Virginia CHAUNCY
D: 08 Mar 1920 @ DeQueen,Seiver Co,AK

10 M Noah **STEPHENS**
B: Nov 1841 @ Greene Co,PA
M: by 1862 to Margaret (Maggie) KIGER

HUSBAND: Lemuel SNODGRASS
B: 14 Aug 1800 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 10 Jul 1823 @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 11 Aug 1886 @ Alta Vista,Kan
FATHER: Francis SNODGRASS
MOTHER: Rachel SMITH and/or BURR

WIFE: 64(2) Jane **STEPHENS**
B: 10 Mar 1803 @ Whiteley Twp,Greene Co,PA
D: 13 Sep 1888 @ Diamond Springs,Morris Co,Kansas
FATHER: 64. James (Shuck) **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 65. Mary Ann STULL

CHILDREN

1 M Francis SNODGRASS
B: 10 Apr 1824 @ WV
M: 1848 to Amelia PROVINCE (Widowed)
RM: ca 1853 to Lucinda SPRINGER
D: 05 Jun 1903 @ Kansas

2 F Serena Jane SNODGRASS
B: 09 Aug 1825 @ WV
M: 20 Sep 1842 to Jonathan W. KECK
D: 17 Feb 1904 @ WV

3 F Celia J. SNODGRASS
B: 30 Jan 1828 @ WV
M: 28 Sep 1847 to William E. FRY
D: 30 Sep 1912 @ Ohio

4 M Thomas S. SNODGRASS
B: 21 Nov 1830 @ WV
M: 1854 to Elizabeth (Betsy) PROVINCE
D: 04 Jun 1912 @ Kansas

5 M Stacy Stevens SNODGRASS
B: 05 Oct 1832 @ WV
M: ca 1860 to Celia A. PROVINCE
D: 31 Dec 1919 @ Kansas

6 M John **STEPHENS** SNODGRASS
B: 21 Feb 1834 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 24 Oct 1858 to Sarah Jane COOPER
D: 23 Feb 1919 @ Kingfisher,Okla

7 F Gooly Elmas SNODGRASS
B: 01 Sep 1837 @ WV
M: 1855 to Andrew Colman KNOWLTON
D: 20 Aug 1876 @ Kansas

8 F Rachel SNODGRASS
B: 03 Jul 1839 @ WV
M: 1855 to Esau KNOWLTON

9 F Lucretia Martha SNODGRASS
B: 13 Mar 1841 @ WV
M: to James P. SCOTT
D: 28 Apr 1915 @ Kansas

10 M George W. SNODGRASS
B: 14 Feb 1843 @ WV
M: 08 Apr 1867 to Sarah CARR
D: 06 Mar 1918 @ Kansas

11 M Samuel P. SNODGRASS
B: 23 Mar 1845 @ WV
M: to Sabina DELONG
D: 13 Feb 1929 @ Kansas

HUSBAND: Levi ARNETT
B: 23 Dec 1801 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 10 Feb 1823 to wife below @ Monongalia Co,WV (Widowed)
OM: by 1860 to Ruth NEPTUNE
D: 25 Feb 1877 @ Battelle twp,Monongalia Co,WV

WIFE: 64(3) **Barbara STEPHENS**
B: 1804 @ Greene Co,PA
D: 10 Jul 1857 @ Big Paw Paw,Monongalia Co,VA
FATHER: 64. James (Shuck) **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 65. Mary Ann STULL

CHILDREN

1 F Lucretia ARNETT
B: 16 Sep 1823 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 11 Dec 1845 to John William PROVANCE @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 24 Jul 1890 @ Limestone Hill,WV

2 F Sarah (Sally) ARNETT
B: 17 Apr 1829 @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 01 Aug 1875 @ Monongalia Co,WV

3 F Perry ARNETT
B: 13 Dec 1832 @ Monongalia Co,WV
Single
D: 03 Mar 1883 @ Monongalia Co,WV

HUSBAND: 64(4)32 **Samuel STEPHENS**
B: ca 1807 @ Greene Co.,PA
M: ca 1826 @ prob. Greene Co.,PA
D: 16 Jan 1873 @ Tyler Co.,WV
FATHER: 64. James (Shuck) **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 65. Mary Ann STULL

WIFE: 65. **Margaret (HAGANS ?)**
B: ca 1809 @ PA
D: 22 Oct 1884 @ Tyler Co.,WV

CHILDREN

1 F Sarah (Sallie) **STEPHENS**
B: Jan 1827 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 02 Jun 1842 to John E. EFAW @ Greene Co,PA (Widowed)
RM: 17 Feb 1880 to Jacob STEWART @ Marion Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 05 Dec 1894 to Enoch D. UNDERWOOD @ Marion Co,WV
D: after 1900

2 F Permelia Jane **STEPHENS**
B: 03 Dec 1829 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 20 Mar 1848 to Joseph Yard PROVINCE
@ Monongalia Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 29 May 1917 @ Broken Bow,Custer Co.,Neb

3 F Barbara Ellenor **STEPHENS**
B: 24 Feb 1828 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 25 Dec 1851 to Ambrose FOX
@ Brownsville,Washington Co,OH (Widowed)
D: 18 Jan 1923 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV

4 M Henry **STEPHENS**
B: ca 1834 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 13 Dec 1860 to Phebe Ellen JONES
@ Monongalia Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 28 Aug 1878 to Mary Ann STACKHOUSE @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 21 Oct 1916 @ Moundsville,Marshall Co,WV

5 F Nancy Ellen **STEPHENS**
B: 07 Mar 1840 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: by 1858 to McKendry WATKINS (Widowed)
RM: 08 Sep 1861 to John Taylor CROSS
@ Blacksville,Greene Co,PA
D: 29 Jun 1914 @ Acworth,NH

6 F Elizabeth (Betty) **STEPHENS**
B: 09 Dec 1837 @ Monongalia,Co,WV
M: ca 1861 to Dudley E. (Evans ?) MARTIN (Widowed)
D: 22 Dec 1934 @ Salem,Doddridge Co,WV

7 M Marion **STEPHENS**
B: ca 1841 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 1863/64 to Mary Ann MARTIN
D: 1871/74

8 F Martha E. **STEPHENS**
B: 01 Feb 1844 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 28 Apr 1861 to Ulysses MASON
@ Blacksville,Greene Co,PA (Widowed)
RM: 07 Mar 1869 to Ebenezer Spencer Blackly (Dock) NICHOLS
@ Tyler Co,WV
D: 07 Jun 1917 @ Tyler Co,WV

9 M 32. **John Francis STEPHENS**
B: 30 Apr 1846 @ Monongalia Co,WV (Day's Run)
M: 08 Oct 1868 to 33. **Mary Ellen WEEKLEY** @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 08 Nov 1936 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

10 F Mary Ann **STEPHENS**
B: May 1848 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 20 Aug 1865 to Absolom A. ARNETT @ Flat Run,Marion Co,WV
D: 24 Jan 1909 @ Doddridge Co,WV

HUSBAND: **Thomas Jackson STEPHENS**
B: 05 Dec 1809 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 21 Nov 1836 @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 26 Feb 1895 @ Marion Co,WV
FATHER: 64. James (Shuck) **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 65. Mary Ann STULL

WIFE: Mahala AMOS
B: Oct 1816 @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: Mar 1904 @ East Finley,PA
FATHER: John Peter AMOS
MOTHER: Mary MILLER AMOS

CHILDREN

1 F Mary **STEPHENS**
B: 28 Sep 1839 @ Monongalia Co,(W)VA
M: 25 Apr 1858 to Wayne Jonathan DUNN
@ Washington Co,OH (Widowed)
RM: ca 1869 to Anthony Wayne DAVIS (Widowed)
D: 1912 @ Huber,OK

2 M Simeon **STEPHENS**
B: 18 Sep 1840 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 16 Dec 1861 to Matilda Catherine EFAW
@ Monongalia Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 19 Apr 1917 to Phoebe SMITH @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 13 Nov 1922 to Cyntha C. @ Spencer,Roane Co,WV
D: 14 Nov 1924 @ Richmond,OH

3 M James M. **STEPHENS**
B: 18 May 1842 @ Ritchie Co,WV
Single
D: 21 Jun 1860 @ Ritchie Co,WV (rec.)

4 F Elizabeth **STEPHENS**
B: 09 Aug 1844 @ Ritchie Co,WV
M: 18 Jun 1865 to Jefferson CROSS @ Doddridge Co,WV
D: 25 Nov 1925 @ Wood Co,WV

5 M John **STEPHENS**
B: 17 Apr 1846 @ Ritchie Co,WV
M: 04 Mar 1868 to Juliet WATSON @ Doddridge Co,WV
D: 04 Feb 1930 @ Roane Co,WV

6 M Stacy **STEPHENS**
B: 24 Jan 1848 @ Ritchie Co,WV
M: 1874 to Elizabeth Ann JACKSON
@ Marion or Mono. Co,WV ?? (Widowed)
RM: 04 Dec 1909 to Olive HAYNES @ Washington Co,OH
D: Mar 1929 @ Washington Co,OH

7 M William Frank **STEPHENS**
B: 28 Nov 1850 @ Ritchie Co,WV
M: 02 Dec 1876 to Permelia (Malvina) SANTEE
@ Greene Co,PA (Widowed)
RM: ca 1882 to Mary Jane MATHENY
D: 10 Mar 1940 @ Fairmont,Marion Co,WV

8 F Sarah Jane **STEPHENS**
B: 20 Aug 1855 @ Ritchie Co,WV (rec)
D: 26 Feb 1866 @ Doddridge Co,WV (rec)

HUSBAND: 64(7) **Stacy STEPHENS**
B: 04 Sep 1811 @ Newtown,Greene Co,PA
M: 24 Sep 1835 @ Shelby Co,IN
D: 04 Jul 1896 @ Franklin Co,Kan
FATHER: 64. James (Shuck) **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 65. Mary Ann STULL

WIFE: Sarah PHARES
B: 05 Jul 1817 @ Crosby Twp,Hamilton Co,OH
D: 26 Nov 1906 @ Franklin Co,Kan
FATHER: Issac PHARES
MOTHER: Elizabeth BROWN

CHILDREN

1 M John Phares **STEPHENS** Rev
B: 28 Sep 1836 @ Shelby Co,IN
M: 01 Sep 1864 to Catherine COOPER @ Washington Co,OH
D: 07 Jul 1923 @ Franklin Co,Kan

2 M James Noah **STEPHENS**
B: 27 Apr 1838 @ Shelby Co,IN
M: 17 Apr 1860 to Charity COOPER @ Washington Co,OH
D: 27 Apr 1921 @ Franklin Co,Kan

3 F Rebecca Jane **STEPHENS**
B: 21 Dec 1839 @ Indiana
M: 06 Jul 1856 to James COOPER @ Ohio
D: 14 Apr 1924 @ Okla

4 M Stacy Henry **STEPHENS**
B: 25 May 1842 @ Indiana
M: to Catherine POWELL (Widowed)
RM: to Louise GODEMAN
D: 1918 @ Kansas

5 M William Thomas **STEPHENS**
B: 20 Apr 1844 @ Shelby Co,IN
D: 05 Oct 1869 @ Kansas

6 F Naomi Ann **STEPHENS**
B: 28 Feb 1847 @ WV
M: 23 Apr 1868 to George Washington POWELL
@ Washington Co,OH (Widowed)
RM: 02 Mar 1871 to Samuel Fletcher COLVIN @ Kansas
D: 28 May 1915 @ Kansas

7 M Samuel Matthew **STEPHENS**
B: 27 Mar 1849 @ Ohio
M: 09 Aug 1873 to Elizabeth CRATER @ Franklin Co,Kan
D: 1880/81 @ Kansas

8 F Sarah Mary Martha **STEPHENS**
B: 11 Jun 1851 @ Ohio
M: 08 Nov 1870 to @ Franklin Co,Kan

9 F Barbary Lucretia **STEPHENS**
B: 11 Oct 1853 @ Ohio
M: 06 Aug 1873 to Henry C. BENEDICT @ Franklin Co,Kan
D: by 1880 @ Kansas

10 M Enoch Elijah **STEPHENS**
B: 09 Mar 1856 @ Washington Co,OH
Single
D: 1934 @ Franklin Co,KA

11 F Nancy Lydia **STEPHENS**
B: 26 Mar 1858 @ Ohio
M: 12 Jul 1882 to George Wheeler WOODWORTH @ Garnett,Kan
D: 15 Nov 1941 @ Kansas

HUSBAND: 64(8) **Apollo C. (Pollard) STEPHENS**
B: 22 Mar 1813 @ Newtown,Greene Co,PA
M: ca 1832 to wife below (Widowed)
OM: after 1882 to Mariah (?)
D: 11 Apr 1901 @ Greene Co,PA
FATHER: 64. James (Shuck) **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 65. Mary Ann STULL

WIFE: Sarah (Sally) MEYERS
B: 26 Jan 1809 @ Newtown,Greene Co,PA
D: 15 Feb 1882 @ Greene Co,PA
FATHER: Andrew MYERS
MOTHER: Elizabeth FOX

CHILDREN

1 F Elizabeth **STEPHENS**
B: 1833/34 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to William MOODY (Widowed)
RM: to Mr. JOHNSON @ IL

2 M Henry W. **STEPHENS**
B: 27 Sep 1838 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to Barbara STULL (Widowed)
RM: 26 Jun 1895 to Delcena FETTY @ Marion Co,WV
D: 14 Aug 1916 @ Mannington,Marion Co,WV

3 M Andrew **STEPHENS**
B: 1840 @ Greene Co,PA
Single
D: 1851

4 F Lydia (Lidda) **STEPHENS**
B: 1840/41 @ Greene Co,PA
M: to Samuel COPELAND
D: @ Illinois ?

5 M James G. **STEPHENS**
B: 15 Mar 1845 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 18 Mar 1866 to Elizabeth FRANK @ Greene Co,PA
D: 06 Oct 1902 @ Marion Co,WV

6 M Peter M. **STEPHENS**
B: 1848 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 1868 to Rhoda RIVER (Widowed)
D: 1900 @ Greene Co,PA

7 M Jonah **STEPHENS**
B: 19 Jul 1850
M: 1868 to Ameline HEADLEE
D: 01 Jun 1885

HUSBAND: William GOLDING Rev.
B: 15 Jun 1817 @ Hamilton Co,OH
M: 25 Sep 1835 to wife below
@ Shelbyville,Shelby Co,IN (Widowed)
OM: 1886 to Harriett @ Creston,Iowa (Widowed)
D: 13 Jun 1907 @ Bedford,Taylor Co,Iowa
FATHER: Thomas GOLDING
MOTHER: Sarah Jane BROWN

WIFE: 64(9) **Lydia STEPHENS**
B: 18 Jun 1817 @ Greene Co,PA
D: 29 Mar 1885 @ Blockton,Taylor Co,Iowa
FATHER: 64. James (Shuck) **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 65.Mary Ann STULL

CHILDREN

1 M James GOLDING
B: 06 Jun 1836 @ IN
D: 02 Apr 1843 @ Blockton,Iowa

2 M Thomas GOLDING
B: 17 Dec 1839 @ Indiana
M: 13 Oct 1858 to Kate McNEAL (Widowed)
RM: to Rachel
D: @ Blockton,Iowa

3 F Dorothy GOLDING
B: 29 Mar 1841 @ IN
M: 12 Sep 1856 to Hollister DeWITT @ Shelby Co,IN
D: 05 Sep 1869 @ Blockton,Iowa

4 F Levina GOLDING
B: 04 Mar 1843 @ IN
M: 08 Mar 1861 to M.B. UNDERWOOD @ Taylor Co,Iowa
D: @ Blockton,Iowa

5 F Mary Ann GOLDING
B: 05 Jun 1845 @ IN
M: 12 Jun 1867 to M.C. FULLER
D: @ Blockton,Iowa

6 M Matthew GOLDING
B: 23 Apr 1847 @ IN
M: 23 Apr 1873 to Dorothy MEDFORD
D: @ Blockton,Iowa

7 M Stacy Henry GOLDING
B: 12 Sep 1849 @ IN
D: 16 Mar 1851 @ Blockton,Iowa

8 M Noah W. GOLDING
B: 24 Oct 1851 @ IN
M: 05 Jun 1876 to Lucretia MEDFORD @ Taylor Co,Iowa
D: @ Blockton,Iowa

9 M William Jackson GOLDING
B: 21 Feb 1853 @ Anderson,IN
M: 15 Oct 1876 to Melinda Bell SHUFF
@ Taylor Co,Iowa (Widowed)
RM: 31 Jan 1888 to Mary Alice SHUFF (Widowed)
D: 24 Jan 1937 @ Kansas City,MO

10 F Sarah Jane (Jennie) GOLDING
B: 01 May 1857 @ Shelbyville,Shelby Co,IN
M: 31 Oct 1876 to John Charles Fremont SHAFFER
@ Hopkins,MO (Widowed)
D: 20 Mar 1904 @ Oklahoma City,OK

11 M Harvey Guy GOLDING
B: 14 Mar 1859 @ Anderson,Madison Co,IN
D: 10 Feb 1862 @ Blockton,Iowa

HUSBAND: 64(10) **Solomon STEPHENS**
B: ca 1823 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 27 May 1847 @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 14 Mar 1885 @ IOWA
FATHER: 64. James (Shuck) **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 65. Mary Ann STULL

WIFE: Amanda MADERA
FATHER: Jacob MADERA

CHILDREN

1 M John W. **STEPHENS**
B: 1848 @ Middlebourne,Tyler Co,WV

2 F Clara **STEPHENS**
B: 1850 @ Middlebourne,Tyler Co,WV

3 M George W. **STEPHENS**
B: 1852 @ Middlebourne,Tyler Co,WV
D: 17 Oct 1891 @ Tyler Co,WV

4 M William **STEPHENS**
B: 1854 @ Middlebourne,Tyler Co,WV

5 F Mary **STEPHENS**
B: 02 Feb 1856 @ Middlebourne,Tyler Co,WV

6 F Elizabeth **STEPHENS**
B: 1859 @ Middlebourne,Tyler Co,WV

7 F Margaret **STEPHENS**
B: 1861 @ Middlebourne,Tyler Co,WV

8 M Charles **STEPHENS**
B: 20 Aug 1862 @ Middlebourne,Tyler Co,WV

9 F Cora **STEPHENS**
B: 1864 @ Middlebourne,Tyler Co,WV

10 M Henry **STEPHENS**
B: 04 Nov 1866 @ Middlebourne,Tyler Co,WV

11 F Ada **STEPHENS**
B: Feb 1870 @ Middlebourne,Tyler Co,WV

HUSBAND: Solomon WAGONER
B: 18 Jan 1810 @ Harrisburg,PA
M: 25 Feb 1847 to 1'st wife @ Monongalia Co,WV (Widowed)
M: 22 Sep 1855 to wife below @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 03 Jul 1867 @ Days Run,Monongalia Co,WV
FATHER: J.J.WAGONER
MOTHER: E. WAGONER

WIFE: 64(11) **Rebecca STEPHENS**
B: 1824 @ Greene Co,PA
D: 29 Jun 1880 @ Monongalia Co,WV
FATHER: 64. James (Shuck) **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 65. Mary Ann STULL

CHILDREN

1 F Elizabeth A. WAGONER
B: 29 Nov 1855 @ Monongalia Co,WV
Single
D: 29 Feb 1856 @ Monongalia Co,WV

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HUSBAND: Simeon (Sim) TENNANT
B: 14 Jul 1820 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: by 1850 (Widowed)
D: 28 Oct 1903 @ Day's Run,Monongalia Co,WV
FATHER: Richard TENNANT,Jr.
MOTHER: Sarah CHEW

WIFE: 64(12) **Lucretia (Creecy) STEPHENS**
B: 17 Jan 1826 @ Greene Co,PA
D: 07 Dec 1899 @ Monongalia Co,WV
FATHER: 64. James (Shuck) **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 65. Mary Ann STULL

CHILDREN (Raised by Simon & Lucretia)

1 F Sarah Ellen EDDY
B: 1844 @ WV
M: to Perry MOORE

2 M John H. AMMONS
B: 1853 @ WV
M: ca 1877 to Margaret TENNANT

3 M Okey Johnson EDDY
B: 1870 @ WV
M: to Alice BROOKOVER

SECTION 4.
FAMILY GROUP SHEETS FOR MATERNAL LINES

HUSBAND: 130. **Godfrey STULL**
B: ca 1735 @ Germany, Palatine or Hanover
M: ca. 1780 @ PA ??
D: 25 Dec 1821 @ Palatine Hollow, Monongalia Co., VA

WIFE: 131. **BARBARA CARMAN**
B: 1748 @ Carlisle, Lancaster Co.,PA
OM: 30 Mar 1824 to Thomas KNIGHT
@ Monongalia Co,WV (Widowed)
D: ca. 1844
FATHER: Leonard(??) CARMAN

CHILDREN

1 F 130(1)65 **Mary Ann STULL**
B: 29 Nov 1781 @ Middletown,Frederick Co, MD
M: 15 May 1798/99 to 64. **James (Shuck) STEPHENS**
@ Whiteley Twp.,PA (??)
D: 10 May 1857 @ Battelle Dist.,Monongalia Co.,WV

2 M John STULL
B: ca 1781 @ Middletown,MD
M: 20 Jun 1810 to Ann EVELAND @ Philadelphia,PA

3 M Jacob STULL
B: 23 Aug 1783 @ Middletown,MD
D: before 1790

4 F Elizabeth STULL
B: 27 Jul 1785 @ Middletown,MD
M: ca 1799 to John CHAFFIN

5 F Mary Magdalene STULL
B: 07 Feb 1786 @ Middletown,MD
M: to John RIGGS

6 M Henry STULL
B: 29 Nov 1788 @ Fayette Co,PA
M: to Rebecca HUGHES

7 F Susanna STULL
B: 08 Sep 1791 @ Fayette Co,PA
M: to Richard MORRIS

8 F Catherin STULL
B: 07 May 1793 @ Fayette Co,PA

9 M Joseph STULL
B: 1794/95 @ Washington Co,PA
M: to Stacey AARKER (Widowed)
RM: to Elizabeth

10 M Samuel STULL
B: 1800/01 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: to Catherine PILES (Widowed)
RM: to Sarah POWELL
D: 20 Aug 1880 @ Monongalia Co,WV

James (Shuck) Stephens (1773-1861)
Stephens Cem. Day's Run, Mono. Co., WV

Samuel Stephens (1807-1873)
Alf Smith Cemetery, Tyler Co., WV

John Francis Stephens (1846-1936)
son of Samuel & Margaret Stephens

Stacy & Sarah (Phares) Stephens
Stacy (1811-1896) son of James & Mary Ann
picture, 1885, Franklin Co., Kansas

CHAPTER III.

SAMUEL STEPHENS (1807-1873)

and

MARGARET STEPHENS (1809-1884)

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Samuel STEPHENS

FATHER: James (Shuck) STEPHENS
MOTHER: Mary Ann STULL (RN=65)
BORN: ca 1807
  AT: Greene Co.,PA
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Margaret (HAGANS ?)
  ON: ca 1826
  AT: prob. Greene Co.,PA
  STATUS: Married
DIED ON: 16 Jan 1873
  AT: Tyler Co.,WV
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 10
1) Sarah (Sallie) STEPHENS
2) Permelia Jane STEPHENS
3) Barbara Ellenor STEPHENS
4) Henry STEPHENS
5) Nancy Ellen STEPHENS
6) Elizabeth (Betty) STEPHENS
7) Marion STEPHENS
8) Martha E. STEPHENS
9) John Francis STEPHENS
10) Mary Ann STEPHENS
Burial Place: Alf Smith Cem.,Tyler Co.,WV
Occupation: Farmer

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CHAPTER III. SAMUEL and MARGARET STEPHENS

SECTION 1.

32. Samuel STEPHENS (1807-1873)
33. Margaret (1809-1884)

Samuel, son[1] of 64. James STEPHENS and 65. Mary Ann Stull, was born[2] ca. 1807 in Whiteley Township, Greene Co., PA, probably in the community of Newtown. Samuel married[3] Margaret ca. 1826 and first appears on the 1840-50-60 Monongalia Co., (W)VA census. He died[4] 16 Jan. 1873 in Tyler Co., WV, and is buried in the Alf Smith Cemetery near Middlebourne, Tyler Co., WV. Margaret died[5] 22 October 1884.

The children of Samuel and Margaret who survived childhood were, in order of birth, 32(1) Sarah (Sallie), 32(2) Permelia Jane, 32(3) Barbara Ellenor, 32(4) Henry, 32(5) Nancy Ellen, 32(6) Elizabeth, 32(7) Marion, 32(8) Martha E., 32(9)16. John Francis, and 32(10) Mary Ann. The census records indicate that there were probably two additonal daughters in the family. However, it seems likely that the latter two did not survive childhood since no record of them appears to have been passed down to the family.

MARGARET'S MAIDEN NAME

The maiden name of Margaret, and thus the names of her parents, remains elusive and confusing. Records exist to indicate four different surnames for Margaret, but none of the records are conclusive. It is possible that Margaret was married one or more times before she married Samuel, but no records are known to have surfaced to indicate that this is true. Early "family histories" indicate that Margaret's surname was STUMP.[6] This name does not seem "to fit" in terms of family names in the

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1. West Augusta Historical & Genealogical Society. The History of Wood County, West Virginia(Dallas, TX:Taylor Publishing Co., 1980), p. 221.

Alvah J. W. Headlee. The Stephens Family(Morgantown, WV:published by author, ca. 1981).

2. Date of birth estimated from census records and tombstone inscription.

3. Marriage date estimated from dates of birth of children and census records.

4. Ada V. Finnicum and Ethel L. Briggs, editors, Tyler Co., WV Cemeteries(New Martinsville, WV: Authors, 1980).

5. Tyler County, WV death records, Book 1, Page 52.

6. A handwritten family history believed to have been written by Jesse T. Stephens, Box 208, Witkes, AK, was sent by Myrtle Stephens to Mrs. Gaddis on 4 Oct. 1939. This history was titled as Genealogy of the Stephens Family from First Settlement in America to Jan. 1, 1937. This three page document has much information, some of which is known to be wrong.

neighborhoods of the **STEPHENS** family. However, their were Eagans living in Greene Co., PA about the time Samuel would have been married. Margaret's death record[1] indicates that her "parents" name was HAGAN. The information for the record was supplied by Margaret's daughter-in-law, 17. Mary Ellen (Weekley) **STEPHENS** and would seem to be reliable. This name, Hagan, may be a misspelling of a name such as Eagan, Hager, etc. However, this name like the name of Stump, does not seem to fit in terms of names found in the neighborhoods of the **STEPHENS** family. The death record of Margaret's son, 16. John Francis **STEPHENS**, lists Margaret's maiden name as TENNANT.[2] The information for John's death record was given by his son 8. Marvin Francis **STEPHENS.** This would seem to be a good source since Marvin and his family lived on the homeplace with John until his death, and would supposedly have had a knowledge of the surname of his grandmother Margaret **STEPHENS**. It should be further stated that Marvin's children believed they were related to the Tennant family, but did now know the exact relationship. The death record[3] of32(5) Nancy Ellen Cross, daughter of Samuel and Margaret, lists the maiden name of Margaret as STULL. This record does not indicate who gave the information for the death record, but it may have been Nancy's son, 32(5)1 Jesse W. Watkins, with whom she was living at the time. This death record has other information which is known to be wrong, such as the listing of Nancy as a widow, when her estranged husband, John T. Cross, was still living. It seems likely that the maiden name of Margaret was confused in this case with that of Samuel's grandmother 65. Mary Ann (Stull) **STEPHENS**.

CENSUS RECORDS

The 1830 Greene Co., PA census record[4] for Samuel lists 1 male 20-30 years of age; 2 females under 5 yrs; 2 females 5-10 yrs; 1 female 15-20 yrs; 1 female 20-30 yrs. The name of the 15-20 year old female is unknown, but could not be a child of Samuel and Margaret. Later census records, along with other records, indicate that one of the females age 1-5 and one female age 5-10 either died before 1840, or were not the children of Samuel and Margaret. It seems likely that the latter two girls were somehow related to the female age 15-20 and perhaps all three were relatives of Samuel or Margaret.

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1. Hilda Moore Anderson, editor. Tyler Co., WV Death Records 1853-1899(Morgantown, WV: Author, 1984).

2. West Virginia State Dept. of Health, Death Certificate #17481 for the death of 16. John F. Stephens which occurred 8 Nov. 1936 in Walker, Wood Co.,WV.

3. Acworth, New Hampshire death certificate for 16(5) Nancy Ellen (Stephens) Cross which occurred 29 June 1914 at Acworth, New Hampshire.

4. Cornerstone Genealogical Society. Greene Co., PA 1830 Census(Waynesburg, PA: Society).

The 1840 Monongalia Co., (W)VA census record[1] for Samuel lists 1 male 5-10 yrs.; 1 male 30-40; 2 females under 5; 2 females 5-10; 1 female 10-15; 1 female 30-40. Samuel is listed next door to his brother Thomas on this census.

The 1850 Monongalia Co., (W)VA census listing[2] for Samuel is: Samuel, age 45; Margaret 41; Barbary 18; Henry 16; Nancy 14; Elisabeth 12; Marion 9; Martha 7; John 4; Mary A. 1. This listing shows Samuel, Margaret, and daughter Barbary born in PA, with all other children born in VA.

The 1860 Monongalia Co., (W)VA census[3] lists Samuel age 53; Margaret 52; Henry 25; Nancy 23; Elizabeth 21; Marion 18; Martha 15; John 13; Jessie W. Watkins (male) 2. The record shows Samuel, Margaret, and Nancy born in PA with the others born in VA. Nancy should have been listed as Nancy Watkins as she was a widow at this time living with her parents.[4] Jesse, of course, is Nancy's son.[5] This census record indicates that Samuel and Margaret could not read or write.[6] The 1860 census record indicates real estate listed as $1800 and personal property valued at $400.

The 1870 Tyler Co., WV, Ellsworth Dist., census record[7] lists Samuel age 62; Margaret 61; and Sanford, a 13 year old white male. The identity of Sanford is unknown.[8] The record lists Samuel and Margaret born in PA and Sanford born in VA. Samuel's real estate is listed as $2000 and personal property as $400. The record does not indicate that Samuel and Margaret could not read or write. All census records indicate that Samuel was a farmer and Margaret a house keeper.

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1. Monongalia Co., WV census records for 1840 on microfilm released by the U.S. National Archives.

2. Madeline W. Crickard, editor, 1850 Census of Monongalia Co., (W)VA(Beverly, WV: Author, 1976), p. 136.

3. Wes Cochran, compiler, 1860 Census of Monongalia Co., (W)VA(Parkersburg, WV:Wes Cochran, 1987), p.25.

4. The Civil War Pension Record of John T. Cross from the National Archives gives evidence of 32(5) Nancy's first marriage to McKendry Waktins. John was Nancy's second husband.

5. Acworth, New Hampshire, Death record of 32(5)1 Jesse W. Watkins, dated 28 December 1914.

6. Other records, including later census records, indicate that Samuel could write, but Margaret could not. Samuel did, in fact, sign some documents.

7. Tyler Co., WV Heritage & Historical Society, 1870 Census of Tyler Co., WV(Midlebourne, WV: Society, 1985), p. 35.

8. Sanford may possibly be another name or nickname for Jesse W. Watkins, Samuel's grandson, who was listed on the 1860 census with Samuel.

Samuel died 16 January 1873 as indicated on his tombstone.[1] Margaret died[2] 22 October 1884, however, Margaret has not been located on the 1880 census records.

THE MOVE TO MONONGALIA COUNTY (WEST) VIRGINIA

Census records indicate that Samuel and family moved to Battelle District, Monongalia Co., VA about 1834. They probably lived in the area known as Day's Run. However, the first deed[3] found for Samuel in Monongalia Co. is dated 1 July 1839. The deed is an indenture made between Joseph Alton and Samuel for 130 acres from a tract of 190 acres on the head of Paw Paw Creek adjoining land with Lot Lantz and others. Samuel sold his Monongalia Co. land in 1865 and 1866. This seems to date his move to Tyler Co., WV, since he purchased land in Tyler Co., WV in 1867.

On 17 June 1865, Samuel **STEPHENS** and wife sold to Joseph Sutton 86 acres on Paw Paw Creek.[4] This land was described as "at the head of Paw Paw Creek" and sold for $837.50, with $250.00 in hand paid, balance in payments. This deed was signed by Samuel **STEPHENS** and by her mark, Margaret **STEPHENS**. On 17 January 1866, Samuel **STEPHENS** and wife sold to William L. Gallaher 99 acres on Paw Paw Creek.[5] This Monongalia Co. land was sold for $962.50, $250.00 in hand paid, balance to be paid with interest in yearly payments. This land was bounded by Joseph Sutton and others. Deed was signed by Samuel **STEPHENS**, and by her mark, Margaret **STEPHENS**.

THE MOVE TO TYLER COUNTY (WEST) VIRGINIA

Tyler County, WV records[6] indicate that on 16 April 1867, Samuel **STEPHENS** purchased from John W. McCoy ,et .al., 116 acres and 34 acres on Muddy Creek. Purchase price was $1500, with $600.00 in hand paid with balance in payments of $250.00 per year due the first of each January, plus interest: January 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1871.

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1. Ada V. Finnicum and Ethel L. Briggs, editors, Tyler Co., WV Cemeteries(New Martinsville, WV: Authors, 1980). Also, photograph of tombstone taken by this author.

2. Hilda Moore Anderson, editor, Tyler Co., WV Death Records 1853-1899. See also, Tyler Co., WV death records.

3. Monongalia Co., WV deeds, Deed Book OS 16, Page 390, recorded 24 May 1841.

4. Monongalia Co., WV deeds, Deed Book 4, Page 8.

5. Monongalia Co., WV deeds, Deed Book 4, Page 248.

6. Tyler Co., WV deeds, Deed Book 3, Page 459, recorded 24 May 1871.

SAMUEL DISPOSES OF HIS ESTATE

It appears that Samuel may have been ill by 1871 when he sold and gave his land to his children. A further indication of an illness is the fact that he signed the land records at this time with his mark rather than his signature. These deeds are interesting in that Samuel and Margaret used the deeds to distribute their estate to their children. A Tyler Co. deed[1] dated 17 October 1871 shows Samuel and Margaret selling to son Henry **STEPHENS** 50 acres on Muddy Creek, this being part of the land purchased from John W. McCoy ,et. al. The selling price was $95.00 to be paid as follows: $30.00 to Sarah Efaw; $30.00 to Permelia J. Provence, the wife of Joseph Provence; $30.00 to Barbary Fox, the wife of Ambrose Fox; $2.00 to Martha E. Nichols, all to be paid one year from the time of death of the parties of the first part. Also, Henry is to pay 1/2 of all debts of the parties of the first part contracted previous to this date. Henry was to take care of his parents and give them a comfortable living, and pay expenses. He also was to pay funeral expenses and pay $5.00 to Marion **STEPHENS**. Samuel and Margaret both signed by their marks as witnessed by J. R. Duty. Parties of first part held lien on property to secure payment.

A Tyler Co. deed[2] dated 17 October 1871 indicates that Samuel and Margaret sold to son John F. **STEPHENS**, 50 acres on Muddy Creek for $100, to be paid as follows: $30.00 to Nancy E. Cross, wife of John T. Cross; $30.00 to Elizabeth Martin, wife of Dudley Martin; $30.00 to Mary A. Arnett, the wife of Absolom Arnett. Also, $5.00 to Martha E. Nichols; $5.00 to Marion **STEPHENS**. The above was to be paid within one year of the death of the parties of the first part. John was also to pay 1/2 of the debts of the parties of the first part contracted previous to this date. Both Samuel and Margaret signed by their marks as witnessed by J. R. Duty.

On 2 April 1872, Samuel and Margaret sold[3] to E.S.B. Nichols and Martha E. Nichols, his wife, 50 acres on Muddy Creek, being part of "that purchased from John W. McCoy, et. al." This land was sold for $550.00, and signed by Samuel and Margaret **STEPHENS** with their marks. This signing was witnessed by Mary E. **STEPHENS** and Henry **STEPHENS**.

THE DEATHS OF SAMUEL and MARGARET

We know that Samuel died between 2 April 1872, when he sold land to E.S.B. Nichols, and 7 Nov. 1873, when Margaret signed a deed[4] as the widow of Samuel **STEPHENS**. The latter deed is for a sale of land by Henry **STEPHENS**, his wife, and others, to Francis M. Weekley 100 acres on Muddy Creek. Margaret signed this deed

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1. Tyler Co., WV deeds, Deed Book 4, Page 229, recorded in 1873.

2. Tyler Co., WV deeds, Deed Book 8, Page 588, recorded 3 October 1883.

3. Tyler Co., WV deeds, Deed Book 4, Page 190, recorded 1873.

4. Tyler Co., WV deeds, Deed Book 8, Page 578, recorded 20 Sept. 1883.

as widow of Samuel. Samuel's tombstone indicates he died 16 January 1873. His tombstone was found as a loose stone, in 1984 by this author, in the Alf Smith Cemetery, near Middlebourne, Tyler Co.,WV. Samuel's tombstone was leaning up against a Weekley stone and the exact burial spot could not be determined. A tombstone could not be located for Margaret.

A census record has not been located for Margaret **STEPHENS** in 1880, but her daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen (Mrs. John F.) Weekley **STEPHENS** reported her death as 22 october 1884 in Tyler Co. Margaret's death record lists her age as 77 years and her parents as Hagens.[1]

Wills were not recorded for either Samuel or Margaret, but they had dispersed their property to their children by means of land deeds.

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1. Tyler Co., WV death records, Book 1, Page 52.

SECTION 2.
Miscellaneous Documents

TYLER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
Deed Book 3, Page 459

THOMAS J. STEALEY & WIFE, and JOHN W. McCOY & WIFE to SAMUEL STEPHENS

Dated 16 April 1867

This Deed made this 16th day of April in the year 1867 between Thomas J. Stealey and Caroline Stealey his wife and John W. McCoy and Delia M. McCoy his wife all of the County of Tyler and State of West Virginia of the first part and Samuel **STEPHENS** of the County & State aforesaid of the second part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars. Six hundred Dollars thereof in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and two hundred & fifty dollars to be paid on or before the first day of January 1868 and two hundred & fifty dollars to be paid on or before the first day of January 1869 and two hundred & fifty dollars to be paid on or before the first day of January 1870 and two hundred and fifty dollars the residue to be paid on or before the first day of January 1871 all four of said deferred payments bearing interest from the first day of January 1867 and for the payment of the said four installments of two hundred & fifty dollars each with the interest thereon as aforesaid a lien is hereby expressly reserved upon the land hereby conveyed. The said parties of the first part to grant unto the said party of the second part the following described two tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the said County of Tyler on the waters of Muddy Creek a branch of Middle Island Creek. The first tract is bounded as follows to wit, Beginning at a White Oak on a hill side North East of lower Poplar tree run and in the out side line of Wm. J. Boreman's 1000 acre tract, thence, N 44', W 104 1/3 poles with a line of said Boremans to a Stone. Thence N 46' E 178 poles to a Stone with Dogwood pointer. Thence S 44' E 104 1/3 poles to a Jack Oak in said first named outside line. Thence with the same S 46' W 178 poles to the beginning containing one hundred and sixteen acres & being a part of a tract of 250 acres of land conveyed by said Boreman to John Anderson. The second tract is bounded and described as follows to wit, Beginning at an Ironwood in the old yankey line some 15 poles South West of <u>of</u> the beginning corner of the aforesaid 116 acres tract. Thence N 46'E to the said corner and the same course with the closing line of said tract 140 poles to a Stake in said closing line. Thence East 19 poles to a Walnut thence S 18 E 37 poles to a Beech. Thence S 50' W 115 poles to a Beech, thence N 76' W 42 poles to the beginning containing thirty four acres and being a tract of land conveyed by Wm. Hisem & wife to said Anderson.

And the said parties of the first part do hereby covenant with the said party of the second part that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals the day and year first aforesaid.

<U.S. Int. Rev. Stamp $1.50>

Thomas J. Stealey <seal> J.W. McCoy <seal>
Caroline Stealey <seal> D.M. McCoy <seal>

State of West Virginia
County of Tyler

I, Ellis T. Nicklin, Recorder for the County of Tyler in the State of West Virginia do certify that Thomas J. Stealey and Caroline Stealey his wife and John W. McCoy and Delia M. McCoy his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date on the 16th day of April in the year 1867 this day personally appeared before me in the Recorder's office of said County and acknowledged the same; And the said Caroline Stealey and Delia M McCoy the wives of the said Thomas J. Stealey & John W. McCoy being by me examined privily and apart from their said husbands and having said deed fully explained to them they the said Caroline Stealey & Delia M. McCoy declared that they had willingly execute the same and do not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 16th day of April, 1867.

E. T. Nicklin, Recorder

State of West Virginia, County of Tyler, Recorders Office, May 24th 1871.

This deed of bargain and sale from Thomas J. Stealey & wife and John W. McCoy & wife to Samuel **STEPHENS** was this day presented in the Recorder's office aforesaid and admitted to record upon and together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed.

Teste: D. Hickman, Recorder

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MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, DEED
Deed Book OS, Page 390

JOSEPH ALTON to SAMUEL STEPHENS
1 July 1839

This Indenture made this day of 1839 Between Joseph Alton of the County of Monongalia and State of Virginia of the one part and Samuel **STEPHENS** of the County & State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that for the consideration of two hundred dollars in hand paid before the sealing and delivering of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by Joseph Alton aforesaid he hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain & sell release and confirm unto Samuel **STEPHENS** aforesaid a certain tract or parcel of land situate in the County of Monongalia and State of Virginia on the head of Pawpaw creek adjoining land with Lot Lantz and others and being part of a one hundred and ninety acres granted by the Commonwealth of Virginia unto Joseph Alton aforesaid by patent date on the 30 day of November 1838 containing one hundred ad thirty acres be the same more or less and bounded as followeth to wit. Beginning at pointers thence S. 83 deg. W 50 poles to the poplar S 70 1/2 deg. W 80 poles to white oak S 64 deg. W 40 poles to two cucumbers S 57 deg. W 80 poles to a Gum S 55 deg. E 257 poles to pointers S 40 deg. E 33 poles to pointers on ridge S 10 deg. E 122 poles to place of beginning. To have & to hold the above described premises with the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to the only proper use benefit and belief of him the said Samuel **STEPHENS** his heirs and assigns forever and the said Joseph Alton for himself and his heirs covenants to and with the said Samuel **STEPHENS** his heirs or assigns that he the said Joseph Alton for himself and his will warrant and forever defend against all persons claiming under through or by him the above tract, but from an adverse title he will not defend. In testimony whereof the said Joseph Alton has signed his name and fixed his seal the day and year above written.

Joseph Alton <seal>

Monongalia County to wit:

We Samuel Minor & John Shriver Justices of the peace in and for the County of Monongalia and State of Virginia do certify that Joseph Alton party the above deed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the above to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Monongalia aforesaid in order that it may be recorded. Given under our hand and seal this 1 day of July 1839.

Samuel Minor <seal>
John Shriver <seal>

Virginia: Be it remembered that on the 24th of May in the year 1841 this deed was produced to me Thomas R. Ray, Clerk of the County Court of Monongalia in my office duly certified and admitted to record.

Thos. R. Ray <seal>

SECTION 3.

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS FOR SAMUEL STEPHENS AND HIS CHILDREN

HUSBAND: 32. **Samuel STEPHENS**
B: ca 1807 @ Greene Co.,PA
M: ca 1826 @ prob. Greene Co.,PA
D: 16 Jan 1873 @ Tyler Co.,WV
FATHER: 64. **James (Shuck) STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 65. **Mary Ann STULL**

WIFE: 33. **Margaret (HAGANS ?)**
B: ca 1809 @ PA
D: 22 Oct 1884 @ Tyler Co.,WV

CHILDREN

1 F 32(1) **Sarah (Sallie) STEPHENS**
B: Jan 1827 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 02 Jun 1842 to John E. EFAW @ Greene Co,PA (Widowed)
RM: 17 Feb 1880 to Jacob STEWART @ Marion Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 05 Dec 1894 to Enoch D. UNDERWOOD @ Marion Co,WV
D: after 1900

2 F 32(2) **Permelia Jane STEPHENS**
B: 03 Dec 1829 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 20 Mar 1848 to Joseph Yard PROVINCE @ Monongalia Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 29 May 1917 @ Broken Bow,Custer Co.,Neb

3 F 32(3) **Barbara Ellenor STEPHENS**
B: 24 Feb 1828 @ Greene Co,PA
M: 25 Dec 1851 to Ambrose FOX @ Brownsville,Washington Co,OH (Widowed)
D: 18 Jan 1923 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV

4 M 32(4) **Henry STEPHENS**
B: ca 1834 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 13 Dec 1860 to Phebe Ellen JONES @ Monongalia Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 28 Aug 1878 to Mary Ann STACKHOUSE @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 21 Oct 1916 @ Moundsville,Marshall Co,WV

5 F 32(5) **Nancy Ellen STEPHENS**
B: 07 Mar 1840 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: by 1858 to McKendry WATKINS (Widowed)
RM: 08 Sep 1861 to John Taylor CROSS @ Blacksville, Greene Co., PA
D: 29 Jun 1914 @ Acworth,NH

CHILDREN (Continued)

6 F 32(6) **Elizabeth (Betty) STEPHENS**
B: 09 Dec 1837 @ Monongalia,Co,WV
M: ca 1861 to Dudley E. (Evans ?) MARTIN (Widowed)
D: 22 Dec 1934 @ Salem,Doddridge Co,WV

7 M 32(7) **Marion STEPHENS**
B: ca 1841 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 1863/64 to Mary Ann MARTIN
D: 1871/74

8 F 32(8) **Martha E. STEPHENS**
B: 01 Feb 1844 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 28 Apr 1861 to Ulysses MASON @ Blacksville,Greene Co,PA (Widowed)
RM: 07 Mar 1869 to Ebenezer Spencer Blackly (Dock) NICHOLS @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 07 Jun 1917 @ Tyler Co,WV

9 M 32(9)16 **John Francis STEPHENS**
B: 30 Apr 1846 @ Monongalia Co,WV (Day's Run)
M: 08 Oct 1868 to 33. **Mary Ellen WEEKLEY** @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 08 Nov 1936 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

10 F 32(10) **Mary Ann STEPHENS**
B: May 1848 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 20 Aug 1865 to Absolom A. ARNETT @ Flat Run,Marion Co,WV
D: 24 Jan 1909 @ Doddridge Co,WV

HUSBAND: John E. EFAW
B: 12 Jan 1799 @ Hardy Co,VA
M: 02 Jun 1842 @ Greene Co,PA
D: 31 Oct 1878 @ Mannington,Marion Co,WV
FATHER: David EFAW
MOTHER: Catherine HOSKINSON

WIFE: 32(1) **Sarah (Sallie) STEPHENS**
B: Jan 1827 @ Greene Co,PA
OM: 17 Feb 1880 to Jacob STEWART @ Marion Co,WV (Widowed)
OM: 05 Dec 1894 to Enoch D. UNDERWOOD @ Marion Co,WV
D: after 1900
FATHER: 32. Samuel **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 33. Margaret (HAGANS ?)

CHILDREN

1 F Mary Ann EFAW
B: 11 Mar 1844 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 04 Jun 1865 to James Perry HENDERSON @ Marion Co,WV
D: 25 May 1877 @ Marion Co,WV

2 F Louisa EFAW
B: 16 Apr 1846 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: ca 1861 to Milton NEER @ PA
D: 21 Dec 1878 @ Marion Co,WV

3 M Jesse EFAW
B: ca 1847 @ Marion Co,WV
M: to Elizabeth M. PRICE
D: 22 Mar 1896

4 F Margaret L. EFAW
B: ca 1851 @ Marion Co,WV
M: 19 May 1872 to Silas HENDRIXON @ Marion Co,WV

5 F Roscanna EFAW
B: 27 Oct 1853 @ Day's Run,Monongalia Co,WV
M: 17 Oct 1871 to John C. HAWKINS @ Marion Co,WV
D: by 30 Nov 1878 @ Marion Co,WV

6 F Nancy Ellen EFAW
B: 22 Apr 1856/57 @ Marion Co,WV
M: 16 Nov 1876 to Samuel Colman HAWKINS @ Marion Co,WV
(Widowed)
RM: 16 Oct 1888 to William W. CRAWFORD
D: 21 Jul 1933 @ Gustavius,Trumbull Co,OH

7 M Thomas Marion EFAW
B: 10 May 1858 @ Marion Co,WV
M: ca 1877 to Phebe Ellen STILES
D: 21 Oct 1899

8 M Robert Linsey EFAW
B: 05 Apr 1860 @ Marion Co,WV
M: 14 Apr 1887 to Rachel Ann RUSH @ Marion Co,WV

9 M Samuel E. EFAW
B: Dec 1861 @ Marion Co,WV
M: 13 Nov 1884 to Mary Virginia TOOTHMAN @ Marion Co,WV

10 F Sarah E. EFAW
B: 26 Apr 1865 @ Marion Co,WV
Single
D: 01 May 1884 @ Marion Co,WV

11 F N.N. EFAW
B: 02 Apr 1867 @ Mannington,Marion Co,WV
Single
D: by 1870 @ Marion Co,WV

HUSBAND: Joseph Yard PROVINCE
B: 18 Jul 1825 @ Fayette Co,PA
M: 20 Mar 1848 @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 10 Apr 1885 @ Lodi,Custer Co,Neb
FATHER: Jesse Province
MOTHER: Celia SPENCER

WIFE: 32(2) **Permelia Jane STEPHENS**
B: 03 Dec 1829 @ Greene Co,PA
D: 29 May 1917 @ Broken Bow,Custer Co.,Neb
FATHER: 32. Samuel **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 33. Margaret (HAGANS ?)

CHILDREN

1 M John Henry PROVINCE
B: 20 Dec 1849 @ Washington Co,OH
M: 03 Nov 1872 to Ellen (Spicie) TAYLOR (Widowed)
RM: to Laurie (Widowed)
RM: to Eliza Jane DEAL
D: 1812??__

2 F Margaret (Maggie) Ann PROVINCE
B: 15 Mar 1851 @ Washington Co,OH
M: 09 Jun 1867 to Thomas J. BOICE @ WV
D: 15 Jul 1928 @ WV

3 F Angeline Elizabeth PROVINCE
B: 21 Oct 1852 @ Washington Co,OH
M: to Thomas DILL (Widowed)
RM: 28 Jan 1907 to Joseph D. HOLLINGSWORTH @ Custer Co,Neb
D: 19 Jan 1908 @ Neb.

4 M Jasper Stephen PROVINCE
B: 05 Oct 1854 @ Creston,WV
M: 27 May 1887 to Mrs. SCHRADER @ WV
D: 18 Apr 1918 @ WV

5 F Celia Jane PROVINCE
B: 13 Mar 1856 @ Mercer Co,WV
M: 20 Feb 1871 to Amon SICKLER @ MO ??
D: 08 Dec 1939 @ MO

6 F Martha Ellen PROVINCE
B: 04 Nov 1857 @ Marion Co,WV
M: 17 Sep 1876 to John MORFORD @ WV
D: 08 Sep 1950 @ Broken Bow, NE

7 M Newton G. PROVINCE
B: 20 Mar 1859 @ Washington Co,OH
M: Jun 1880 to Melissa J. WHITE (Widowed)
RM: 06 Jul 1885 to Susan Belle SICKLER
D: 27 Aug 1901 @ Neb

CHILDREN (continued)

8 F Louisa Jane PROVINCE
B: 06 Mar 1861 @ Washington Co,OH
M: 25 Dec 1881 to George W. SICKLER @ MO
D: 18 Dec 1919 @ Okla

9 M Nathan Spencer PROVINCE
B: 22 Mar 1864 @ Washington Co,OH
M: 31 Dec 1891 to Edith J. BALDWIN @ NE
D: 24 Sep 1917 @ Lincoln,Neb

10 M Uriah Samuel PROVINCE
B: 12 Apr 1866 @ Creston,WV
M: 04 Jul 1888 to Mrs. INGRAHAM (Widowed)
RM: 1900 to Mary Etta DEAL (Widowed)
RM: to Mrs. RITTER
D: 05 Feb 1941 @ MO

11 M Philip Sheridan PROVINCE
B: 11 May 1870 @ Rockport,Atchison Co,MO
M: 09 Jan 1894 to Rosie Ann BRANDT @ Custer Co, NE
D: 30 Jul 1945 @ Minog,WI

12 F Mary Selina PROVINCE
B: 16 Feb 1873 @ Rockport,Atchison Co,MO
M: Feb 1892 to John E. SICKLER
D: Feb 1951 @ NE

13 F Jessie Permelia PROVINCE
B: 03 Jul 1878 @ Bourbon Co, KS
M: 18 Jun 1900 to John Davis HEADLEY (Widowed)
RM: to Mr. KERMMOADE
D: 28 Nov 1956 @ NE

14 M Jesse Spencer PROVINCE
B: 06 Mar 1863
D: 23 Mar 1863

15 M James David PROVINCE
B: 29 Apr 1868
Single
D: 07 Nov 1869

HUSBAND: Ambrose FOX
B: 1828 @ OH
M: 25 Dec 1851 @ Brownsville,Washington Co,OH
D: 15 Nov 1891 @ Camp,Tyler Co,WV
FATHER: George FOX
MOTHER: Nancy FOX

WIFE: 32(3) **Barbara Ellenor STEPHENS**
B: 24 Feb 1828 @ Greene Co,PA
D: 18 Jan 1923 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 32. Samuel **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 33. Margaret (HAGANS ?)

CHILDREN

1 M Francis Marion FOX
B: Aug 1857 @ Ohio
M: 1889 to Ella J. (Widowed)

2 M James A. FOX
B: Jul 1859 @ WV
M: 15 Sep 1878 to Malinda Jane VINSON @ Doddridge Co,WV
D: 1930

3 M George B. FOX
B: Nov 1862 @ WV
M: ca 1884 to Alcenda (Cindy) Jane MARTIN

4 M John T. FOX
B: Apr 1865 @ WV
M: 1898 to Icy A.

5 M Sheriden F. FOX
B: ca 1865 @ WV

6 F Clara Belle FOX
B: 05 May 1873 @ Tyler Co,WV
Single
D: 14 Jan 1877 @ Tyler Co,WV

7 infant,died young

8 infant,died young

HUSBAND: 32(4) Henry **STEPHENS**
B: ca 1834 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 13 Dec 1860 to wife below @ Monongalia Co,WV (Widowed)
OM: 28 Aug 1878 to Mary Ann STACKHOUSE @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 21 Oct 1916 @ Moundsville,Marshall Co,WV
FATHER: 32. Samuel **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 33. Margaret (HAGANS ?)

WIFE: Phebe Ellen JONES
B: ca 1853/54 @ VA (WV)
D: before 1878 @ Tyler Co,WV ??
FATHER: Joseph JONES
MOTHER: Mary WHETSEL

CHILDREN

1 F Mary **STEPHENS**
B: 1864/65 @ Tyler Co, WV

2 M John **STEPHENS**
B: 1866/67 @ Ellsworth Dist,Tyler Co,WV
D: 03 Jan 1890 @ Tyler Co,WV

3 M Thomas Marion **STEPHENS** Sr.
B: 23 Feb 1868 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 06 Apr 1889 to Mary Catherine MARTIN @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 1946 @ Tyler Co,WV

4 F Sarah **STEPHENS**
B: 1871/72 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 20 Apr 1889 to William McCORMICK @ Tyler Co,WV

5 M Simeon **STEPHENS**
B: 1872/73 @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 06 May 1891 @ Tyler Co,WV

6 M Stacy **STEPHENS**
B: Jul 1877 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 12 Apr 1903 to Martha Ellen ASHBY
D: 12 Jun 1956 @ Marshall Co,WV

7 F Margaret **STEPHENS**
B: 1875/76 @ Tyler Co,WV

8 F Ruth **STEPHENS**
B: 08 Jun 1861 @ Paw Paw Dist,Monongalia Co,WV

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HUSBAND: 32(4) Henry **STEPHENS**
B: ca 1834 @ Monongalia Co,WV
OM: 13 Dec 1860 to Phebe Ellen JONES (above) (widowed)
M: 28 Aug 1878 to wife below @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 21 Oct 1916 @ Moundsville,Marshall Co,WV

WIFE: Mary Ann STACKHOUSE
B: ca 1856/57 @ Ohio
D: 18 Mar 1884 @ Tyler Co,WV

CHILDREN

1 M James W. **STEPHENS**
B: 14 Sep 1879 @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 21 May 1954

2 F Clara Myrtle **STEPHENS**
B: 20 Sep 1881 @ Tyler Co,WV

HUSBAND: McKendry WATKINS
B: ca 1835 @ Monroe Co,OH
M: by 1858
D: by 1860
FATHER: Denton WATKINS
MOTHER: Mahala WATKINS

WIFE: 32(5) **Nancy Ellen STEPHENS**
B: 07 Mar 1840 @ Monongalia Co,WV
OM: 08 Sep 1861 to John Taylor CROSS
@ Blacksville, Greene Co,PA
D: 29 Jun 1914 @ Acworth,NH
FATHER: 32. Samuel **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 33. Margaret (HAGANS ?)

CHILDREN

1 M Jesse William WATKINS
B: 13 Nov 1858 @ Wayne Twp,Monroe Co,OH
M: ca 1891 to Nettie Isabel KNIGHT
D: 28 Dec 1914 @ Acworth,NH

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HUSBAND: John Taylor CROSS
B: 18 Mar 1843 @ Uniontown,Wetzel Co,WV
M: 08 Sep 1861 @ Blacksville,Greene Co,PA
D: 20 Feb 1928 @ West Farmington,Trumbull CoOH
FATHER: William Wesley CROSS
MOTHER: Margaret Ann TAYLOR

WIFE: 32(5) **Nancy Ellen STEPHENS**
B: 07 Mar 1840 @ Monongalia Co,WV
OM: by 1858 to McKendry WATKINS (above) (Widowed)
D: 29 Jun 1914 @ Acworth,NH

CHILDREN

1 M Samuel S. CROSS
B: 09 Aug 1862 @ Wetzel Co,WV
M: ca 1887 to Mary
D: 20 Sep 1929 @ prob. W. Farmington,OH

2 M Thomas M. CROSS
B: 19 Jun 1865 @ Wetzel Co,WV
D: 07 May 1874 @ Wetzel Co,WV

3 M Alvy M. CROSS
B: 25 Jul 1867 @ Wetzel Co,WV
D: 22 Feb 1955 @ prob. W. Farmington,OH

4 M John Francis CROSS
B: 22 Dec 1869 @ Wetzel Co,WV
M: to Phoebia EAKIN
D: 19 Sep 1943 @ Prob. W. Farmington,OH

5 M William Wesley CROSS
B: 13 Apr 1874 @ Wetzel Co,WV
M: 07 Jul 1899 to Zanie Belle BARKER
D: 14 Feb 1958 @ Eustis,FL

6 M Ellsworth CROSS
B: 16 Feb 1876 @ Wetzel Co,WV
D: 21 Sep 1876 @ Wetzel Co,WV

7 M Thomas Jefferson CROSS
B: 21 May 1878 @ Wetzel Co,WV
D: 26 Apr 1963 @ Prob. W.Farmington,OH

HUSBAND: Dudley E. (Evans ?) MARTIN
B: 27 May 1842 @ Indiana
M: ca 1861
D: 13 May 1885 @ Doddridge Co,WV
FATHER: George Dent MARTIN
MOTHER: Charlotte BASNETT

WIFE: 32(6) **Elizabeth (Betty) STEPHENS**
B: 09 Dec 1837 @ Monongalia,Co,WV
D: 22 Dec 1934 @ Salem,Doddridge Co,WV
FATHER: 32. Samuel **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 33. Margaret (HAGANS ?)

CHILDREN

1 M Jesse McClellan MARTIN
B: Jul 1862 @ (W)VA
M: ca 1886 to Edith Iris DAVISSON
D: 28 Jul 1949 @ Doddridge Co,WV

2 F Alcenda (Cindy) Jane MARTIN
B: Apr 1863 @ WV
M: ca 1884 to George B. FOX

3 M Marmaduke M. MARTIN
B: ca 1871 @ WV

4 F Martha E. MARTIN
B: 16 Aug 1876 @ Doddridge Co,WV

5 F Corie V. (M?) MARTIN
B: 03 Nov 1878 @ Doddridge Co,WV
M: 24 Apr 1899 to William F. JENKINS @ Marion Co,WV

6 M George F. MARTIN
B: 1868 @ WV
D: 02 Apr 1869 @ Tyler Co,WV

7 F Oma A. MARTIN
B: Sep 1880 @ Doddridge Co,WV

HUSBAND: 32(7) **Marion STEPHENS**
B: ca 1841 @ Monongalia Co,WV
M: 1863/64
D: 1871/74
FATHER: 32. Samuel **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 33. Margaret (HAGANS ?)

WIFE: Mary Ann MARTIN
B: ca 1845 @ Indiana
OM: ca 1864 to Mr. POWELL (Widowed)
OM: ca 1867 to Mr. CARMAN
FATHER: George Dent MARTIN
MOTHER: Charlotte BASNETT

CHILDREN

1 F Dora Bell **STEPHENS**
B: 1864/65 @ Marion Co,WV
M: 10 Nov 1880 to George B. VANSCOY @ Doddridge Co,WV
D: 1895/1910 @ Doddridge Co,WV

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HUSBAND: Ulysses MASON
B: 1843 @ WV
M: 28 Apr 1861 @ Blacksville,Greene Co,PA
D: 27 Oct 1864 @ Richmond,VA (Civil War)
FATHER: Francis H MASON
MOTHER: Mary EDDY

WIFE: 32(8) **Martha E. STEPHENS**
B: 01 Feb 1844 @ Monongalia Co,WV
OM: 07 Mar 1869 to Ebenezer Spencer Blackly (Dock) NICHOLS
@ Tyler Co,WV
D: 07 Jun 1917 @ Tyler Co,WV
FATHER: 32. Samuel **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 33. Margaret (HAGANS ?)

CHILDREN

1 F Florida Jane MASON
B: 02 Feb 1862 @ Marion Co,WV
M: 23 Nov 1879 to William MARSHALL @ Tyler Co,WV
D: after 1935

2 F Sarah Ellen MASON
B: 07 Jan 1865 @ Marion Co,WV
Single
D: 28 Feb 1941 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

HUSBAND: Ebenezer Spencer Blackly (Dock) NICHOLS
B: 25 Mar 1846 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 07 Mar 1869 @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 25 Jan 1905 @ Tyler Co,WV
FATHER: Ellis NICHOLS
MOTHER: Martha HATHAWAY

WIFE: 32(8) Martha E. **STEPHENS**
B: 01 Feb 1844 @ Monongalia Co,WV
OM: 28 Apr 1861 to Ulysses MASON @ Blacksville,Greene Co,PA (Widowed)
D: 07 Jun 1917 @ Tyler Co,WV
FATHER: 32. Samuel **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 33. Margaret (HAGANS ?)

CHILDREN

1 M Albert C. NICHOLS
B: Sep 1869 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 30 Nov 1890 to Mary Agnes MYERS @ Tyler Co,WV
D: @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

2 M Arthur T. NICHOLS
B: 1872 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: to Agnes J. WATERS (Widowed)
D: 1961 @ Tyler Co,WV

3 F Ida NICHOLS
B: 1874/75 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: to Guy TALBOT

4 M Lambert W. NICHOLS
B: 07 Mar 1878 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: ca 1905 to Grace E. STEWART (Widowed)
D: 1952 @ Big Run,Tyler Co,WV

5 F Carrie NICHOLS
B: 28 May 1881 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: to Edward P. HUBER (Widowed)
D: 03 Mar 1960 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

6 M Ermon W. NICHOLS
B: 1883 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: to Rosa B. SPENCER
D: 1967 @ Tyler Co,WV

7 M Samuel Everett NICHOLS
B: 14 May 1885 @ Big Run,Tyler Co,WV
M: 29 Feb 1908 to Agnes Blanche TUSTIN

8 M Clyde NICHOLS
B: ca 1888 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: to Orie
D: 1947 (?)

HUSBAND: 32(9)16 **John Francis STEPHENS**
B: 30 Apr 1846 @ Monongalia Co,WV (Day's Run)
M: 08 Oct 1868 @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 08 Nov 1936 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 32. Samuel **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 33. Margaret (HAGANS ?)

WIFE: 33. **Mary Ellen WEEKLEY**
B: 14 Feb 1851 @ Ellsworth Dist,Tyler Co,WV
D: 09 Feb 1927 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 66. Otho WEEKLEY
MOTHER: 67. Elizabeth KEMP

CHILDREN

1 F Clara M. **STEPHENS**
B: 09 Dec 1869 @ Tyler Co,WV
Single
D: 26 Sep 1870 @ Tyler Co,WV

2 M Jesse R. **STEPHENS** (Stevens)
B: Apr 1871 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 11 Apr 1896 to E. Bertha ROBINSON @ Wood Co,WV
D: 29 Sep 1923 @ Elizabeth,Wirt Co,WV

3 F Margaret E. (Maggie) **STEPHENS**
B: 14 Aug 1872 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 15 Aug 1896 to William H. HAUGHT
D: 07 Jan 1952 @ Dunbar,WV

4 F Cora Ann **STEPHENS**
B: 01 Jul 1875 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 12 Mar 1895 to Henry Dallas LEE @ Wood Co,WV
D: 08 Nov 1949 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

5 F Mary Martha (Mattie) **STEPHENS**
B: 16 Apr 1877 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 25 Apr 1898 to Walter J. BUTLER
D: 21 Dec 1937 @ Tanner,Gilmer Co.,WV (DeKalb Dist.)

6 F Florence Etta **STEPHENS**
B: 11 Jan 1879 @ Muddy Creek,Tyler Co,WV
M: 18 Apr 1898 to Francis Delford (Dell) ROWLEY
@ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 25 May 1951 @ Parkersburg, Wood Co,WV

7 F Essie Delrie **STEPHENS**
B: 08 Sep 1881 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 24 Feb 1903 to Joseph H. DONNELLY @ Ritchie Co,WV
(Widowed)
D: 05 Oct 1969 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

CHILDREN (continued)

8 F Arminta May (Minnie) **STEPHENS**
B: 11 Jan 1883 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 20 Apr 1909 to Harry Dewit PYLE @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 1921 to William Homer MODESITT @ Clarksburg, WV
D: 15 Feb 1940 @ Brushy Fork,Barbour Co,WV

9 M Samuel Irvin **STEPHENS** Sr.
B: 14 Dec 1885 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 20 Jun 1911 to Blanch Hope MCKEAND @ Kenova,Wayne Co,WV
D: 06 Oct 1971 @ Parkersburg,WV

10 M 8. **Marvin Francis STEPHENS**
B: 07 Sep 1889 @ Middlebourne, Tyler Co., WV
M: 30 Jan 1910 to 9. **Laura Mae MOORE** @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 15 Sep 1970 to Mabel Catherine CORDRAY @ Wood Co,WV
D: 22 Sep 1978 @ WALKER, WOOD CO., WV

11 F Ida Alice **STEPHENS**
B: 10 Aug 1891 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 22 Aug 1911 to Henry Adam WARE @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 10 Jul 1972 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

12 M Clarence Ophie **STEPHENS**
B: 22 May 1894 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: by 1920 to Iva LITTLE (Widowed)
RM: to Bessie
D: 09 Feb 1975 @ Akron,OH

13 F Elizabeth(?) **STEPHENS**
B: May 1874 ? @ Tyler Co,WV
Single
D: 1874 ? @ Tyler Co,WV

HUSBAND: Absolom A. ARNETT
B: 18 Mar 1842 @ Marion Co,WV
M: 20 Aug 1865 @ Flat Run,Marion Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 01 Aug 1918 @ Smithton,Doddridge Co,WV
FATHER: Levi ARNETT
MOTHER: Ruth NEPTUNE

WIFE: 32(10) **Mary Ann STEPHENS**
B: May 1848 @ Monongalia Co,WV
D: 24 Jan 1909 @ Doddridge Co,WV
FATHER: 32. Samuel **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 33. Margaret (HAGANS ?)

CHILDREN

1 M Ulyssus G. ARNETT
B: 25 May 1866 @ Marion Co,WV
M: ca 1893 to Lela

2 M Simeon E. (Bud) ARNETT
B: 27 Jul 1868 @ WV
M: 1893 to Virginia A. KINNEY (Widowed)
RM: 16 Sep 1830 to Huldah Fay HOLBERT @ Dodd. Co,WV(widowed)
D: 1959

3 F Margaret R. ARNETT
B: 17 May 1870 @ Tyler Co,WV

4 F Elizabeth O. ARNETT
B: 17 Oct 1873 @ Doddridge Co,WV
D: Apr 1899

5 F Clara B. ARNETT
B: 30 Jan 1875 @ Doddridge Co,WV
M: 1897 to William O. VanHORN (Widowed)
D: 1951

6 F Martha L. ARNETT
B: 03 Sep 1877 @ Doddridge Co,WV

7 F Myrtle Carrie ARNETT
B: 29 Jun 1880 @ Doddridge Co,WV

8 F Bertha E. ARNETT
B: 24 Feb 1886 @ Doddridge Co,WV

9 M Delbert L. ARNETT
B: 09 Aug 1888 @ Doddridge Co,WV
D: 11 Dec 1895

10 M Ira Thomas ARNETT
B: 12 May 1892 @ Doddridge Co,WV
Single
D: 14 Apr 1914 @ Doddridge Co,WV

CHAPTER IV.

JOHN FRANCIS STEPHENS (1846-1936)

and

MARY ELLEN WEEKLEY (1851-1927)

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John Francis STEPHENS

FATHER: Samuel STEPHENS
MOTHER: Margaret (HAGANS ?)
BORN: 30 Apr 1846
AT: Monongalia Co,WV (Day's Run)
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Mary Ellen WEEKLEY
ON: 08 Oct 1868
AT: Tyler Co,WV
STATUS: Married
DIED ON: 08 Nov 1936
AT: Walker,Wood Co,WV
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 13
1) Clara M. STEPHENS
2) Jesse R. STEPHENS (Stevens)
3) Margaret E. (Maggie) STEPHENS
4) Cora Ann STEPHENS
5) Mary Martha (Mattie) STEPHENS
6) Florence Etta STEPHENS
7) Essie Delrie STEPHENS
8) Arminta May (Minnie) STEPHENS
9) Samuel Irvin STEPHENS, Sr.
10) Marvin Francis STEPHENS
11) Ida Alice STEPHENS
12) Clarence Ophie STEPHENS
13) Elizabeth(?) STEPHENS
Burial Date: 10 Nov 1936
Burial Place: Mt Carmel Cem,Walker,Wood Co,WV
Military: 16'th Militia,WV Troops,Home Guard,Civil W.
Occupation: Farmer

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John Francis Stephens (1846-1936)
Mary Ellen Weekley (1851-1927)
Married 8 October 1868

Children of John & Mary Stephens
Cora, Alice, Marvin, Etta,
Irvin, Essie, and Mattie
Sept., 1936 at Lick Run, WV

John Francis Stephens
Homes on Lick Run, Wood Co., WV
Log House built ca. 1896
Frame House built in 1920's

Robert C. Moore (1846-1927)
Margaret C. Murry (1846-1916)
ca. 1895

CHAPTER IV. JOHN FRANCIS & MARY ELLEN (WEEKLEY)STEPHENS

SECTION 1.

16. John Francis Stephens (1846-1936)
17. Mary Ellen Weekley (1851-1927)

John Francis **STEPHENS** and Mary Ellen Weekley were both born and lived all their lives in what is now West Virginia. John was born[1] in Battelle District, Monongalia County, (West) Virginia on 30 April 1846, the youngest son of 32. Samuel **STEPHENS** and 33. Margaret **STEPHENS**.[2] John was married[3] to Mary Ellen Weekley in Tyler County, West Virginia on 8 October 1868 by the Rev. Edgar B. Blundon. Mary Ellen was born[4] in Ellsworth District, Tyler County, (West) Virginia on Valentine's Day, 14 February 1851, the youngest child of 34. Otho Weekley and 35. Elizabeth Kemp.[5]

Both John and Mary Ellen **STEPHENS** died at their home on Lick Run, Walker Station, Wood County, West Virginia. Mary Ellen died[6] at the age of 75, on 9 February 1927, and John died[7] at the age of 90 on 8 November 1936. Both are buried[8] at the Mt. Carmel Church Cemetery, Walker, WV.

John and Mary Ellen were the parents of thirteen children, two of whom died in infancy.[9] All of their children were born in Tyler County, West Virginia. The children are: 16(1) Clara M., 16(2) Jesse R., 16(3) Margaret E. (Maggie), 16(4) Cora Ann, 16(5) Mary Martha (Mattie), 16(6) Florence Etta, 16(7) Essie Delrie, 16(8) Arminta May (Minnie), 16(9) Samuel Irvin,

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1. West Virginia State Dept. of Health, Death Certificate #17481 for the death of John F. Stephens. Also, Wood County, WV Death Record Bk. 4, page 224.

2. Tyler Co., West Virginia Marriage Records, Book 2, page 21.

3. Ibid.

4. West Virginia State Dept. of Health, Death Certificate #2810 for the death of Mary Ellen Stephens. Also, Wood County, WV Death Record Bk. 3, page 226.

5. Tyler Co., WV Marriage Records, Book 2, page 21.

6. Death Certificate for Mary Ellen Stephens.

7. Death certificate for John Francis Stephens.

8. West Augusta Historical & Genealogical Society, compiler & publisher. Wood County Cemetery Inscriptions(Parkersburg, WV:compilers, 1980), Vol. 1, page 186.

9. Wood County, WV census records for 1900 on microfilm released by the U. S. National Archives. Information also obtained from family records.

16(10)8 Marvin Francis, 16(11) Ida Alice, 16(12) Clarence Ophie, and 16(13) Elizabeth. Clara[1] and Elizabeth[2] died as infants.[3]

CENSUS RECORDS

John is listed, respectively as age 4 and age 13, with his parents on the 1850[4] and 1860[5] Monongalia County, West Virginia Census records. Mary Ellen is listed, as age 10, with her parents on the 1860 Tyler County, West Virginia Census[6] record.

The 1870 Ellsworth District, Tyler County,WV census[7] lists John **STEPHENS**, age 22; Mary 18; Clara 6 months. The 1880 Ellsworth District, Tyler County, WV census[8] lists John **STEPHENS**, age 33; Mary 29; Jesse 9; Margaret 7; Cora 4; Mary 3; Florence 2.

The 1900 Walker District, Wood County, West Virginia census[9] record lists John **STEPHENS** age 54; Mary 49; Essie 19; Arminta 17; Samuel 14; Marvin 10; Ida Alice 8; Clarence 5; (grandson) Eddie W. age 8.

The 1910 Walker Dist., Wood Co., WV census[10] lists John **STEPHENS** age 64; Mary 58; Ida Alice 18; Clarence 15.

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1. Tyler County, WV Death Records, Book 1, page 37, for Clara Stephens who died 20 Sept. 1870, age 9 months.

2. Personal communication from Clara Lee Wilcox, daughter of Cora Stephens Lee, and granddaughter of John & Mary Ellen Stephens.

3. Small (2" x 3") Religious story book belonging to John F. Stephens, now in possession of author. Book indicates the death of the two infants.

4. Madeline W. Crickard, compiler, 1850 Census of Monongalia Co., (W)VA(Beverly, WV:Crickard, 1976), p. 136.

5. Wes Cochran, compiler, 1860 Census of Monongalia Co., (W)VA(Parkersburg, WV:Wes Cochran,1987), p. 25.

6. Tyler County, WV Census records for 1860 on microfilm released by U.S. National Archives.

7. Tyler Co., WV Heritage & Historical Society, 1870 Census of Tyler Co., WV(MIddlebourne, WV:compiler,1985), p. 35.

8. William A. Marsh, Pleasant, Tyler, Marshall, and Wetzel Counties, West Virginia 1880 Census Records(Baltimore:Gateway Press, Inc., 1987), vol. 7, p. 235.

9. Wood Co., WV, 1900 census records, microfilm.

10. Wood County, WV Census records for 1910 on microfilm, released by U. S. National Archives.

THE WEEKLEY FAMILY

Mary Ellen's father, Otho Weekley, and her mother, Elizabeth Kemp, were married[1] 4 October 1832 in Ohio County, West Virginia by the Rev. Thomas M. Hudson, Methodist Episcopal Church. Otho was born[2] ca. 1810 in Tyler Co., WV, and died[3] 8 July 1865 in the same county. Otho was a stonemason and farmer. Elizabeth Kemp was born[4] ca. 1813 in Delaware, and died[5] 29 December 1878 in Tyler County. Otho and Elizabeth are the parents of Levi D., William W., Elmore W., George Washington, Rachel Jane Weekley Gorby Elder, Francis Marion, and Mary Ellen Weekley **STEPHENS**.

The names of Elizabeth Kemp's parents are unknown to this author. Otho Weekley is the son[6] of 68. Thomas Weekley, Jr., and 69. Mary Weekley. Thomas and Mary are the parents of Otho, Thomas III, Levi M., James, Mary, Charlotte, and Michael Weekley White. Thomas, Jr., was born[7] 21 January 1785 in Washington (now Greene) County, Pennsylvania, and died[8] in 1834 in Tyler County. Mary, wife of Thomas, Jr., was born[9] ca 1785 in Pennsylvania, and died after 1850, probably in Tyler County.

Thomas Weekley, Jr., is the son[10] of 136. Thomas Weekley,Sr., and 137 Rachel Weekley. Thomas, Sr., was born[11] in 1754-56 in Fredericktown, Frederick County,

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1. Ohio County, West Virginia Marriage Records, Book 2, page 41.

2. Ada V. Finnicum and Ethel L. Briggs, compilers, The 1850 Federal Census of Tyler County, (West) Virginia, authors(New Martinsville, WV:compilers, 1980), p. 51.

3. Tyler County, WV, Death Records, Book 1, page 21.

4. Ohio Co., WV, Marriage Records, Book 2, page 41.

5. Tyler County, WV, Death Records, Book 2, page 39.

6. Tyler County, WV, Wills, Book 1-A, page 112, dated 17 December 1833, probated May Term, 1934.

7. Letter dated, 10 March 1986, from Frances Weekley, Friendly, WV. Letter gives birthdate for Thomas Weekley, Jr., without further reference. Also, same information received by letter dated January, 1986, from Paulette Barton, Rt. 1, Box 202, Cumberland, WV.

8. Mary Davis Atkinson, Abstracts: Will Book 1A, 1815-1836, Tyler County, (West) Virginia(College Park, MD:author, 1980), 112. Also, Tyler Co., WV, Wills, Book 1A,page 112.

9. Finnicum & Briggs, compilers, Tyler Co., WV, 1850 census.

10. Tyler County, WV wills, Book 2, page 56, dated 9 March 1839, and probated November Term, 1843. Settlement, Will Book 3A, page 181, dated 30 August 1847.

11. Revolutionary War Pension Record for Thomas Weekley, Sr. Pension records, National Archives; Service Maryland; VA. No. 12525 No. S6343.

Maryland, and died[1] 27 November 1843 in Tyler County. Rachel Weekley was born ca. 1754 and died 24 July 1842 in Tyler County.[2] Thomas and Rachel are the parents of Thomas,Jr., James, Richard, John, Levi, Sarah Weekley Baker, Mary Weekley Anderson, and Samuel. Thomas Weekley, Sr., was a Revolutionary War[3] Soldier, serving with the Maryland Flying Camp. The pension application file for Thomas Weekley,Sr., gives much detail about his Revolutionary War Service. For example, Thomas served in the battles of York Island and White Plains, New York. He was acquainted with Generals Washington, Green, Putnam, Smallwood, and Colonels Gunby and George Stricker of the Army.

One source[4] indicates that James and Sarah Weekley of Pennsylvania are the parents of Thomas Weekley, Sr. However, this author believes this is an error and does not know the names of his parents. Additional information concerning the Weekley family will be given in a later chapter.

CIVIL WAR RECORDS

John **STEPHENS** did serve for a brief time in two different units of the Monongalia County Home Guards during the Civil War. Records[5] indicate that John joined at Fairmont, West Virginia, 1 October 1864, the 16'th Militia, West Virginia State Troops, Monongalia County. John served for a total of eight days with this Company commanded by Captain Emord Tennant. John also served in a unit commanded by Captain Britton. John's son 8. Marvin Francis Stephen,s knew that his father served in the Civil War.[6]

John's brother Henry also served with the Home Guards during the Civil War, serving[7] as a private in Captain Britton's Company, Monongalia County, West Virginia State Troops. Five of John's brothers-in-law served in the war: Joseph Yard

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1. Ibid.

2. Communications from Paulette Barton dated January, 1986.

3. Revolutionary War pension records for Thomas Weekley, Sr.

4. Tyler County Heritage and Historical Society. History of Tyler County, West Virginia to 1984(Marceline, MO:Walsworth Publishing Co., Inc., 1984),pps. 493-494.

5. Civil War Records, West Virginia Department of Culture and History, Charleston, WV.

6. Personal communications with Marvin Francis Stephens, grandfather of author, ca. 1975.

7. Civil War Records, WV Dept. of Culture & History.

Province,[1] husband of Permelia Jane **STEPHENS**; Ambrose Fox,[2] husband of Barbara E. **STEPHENS**; John T. Cross,[3] second husband of Nancy Ellen **STEPHENS**; Ulysses Mason,[4] first husband of Martha E. **STEPHENS**; Absolom A. Arnett,[5] husband of Mary Ann **STEPHENS**. Ulysses Mason died in a rebel prison of wounds received in battle near Winchester, VA during the war.

Mary Ellen **STEPHENS** signed her name as a witness[6] on a "general Affidavit" given by her sister-in-law, Louise Weekley, wife of Francis Marion Weekley, for the Civil War pension application for Francis Marion Weekley. All five of Mary Ellen's brothers, Levi D. Weekley,[7] William W. Weekley,[8] Elmore W. Weekley,[9] George Washington Weekley,[10] and Francis Marion Weekley[11] served in the Civil War. One brother, George Washington Weekley died of typhoid fever during the war. In addition, John Gorby,[12] the first husband of Mary Ellen's only sister Rachel Jane, died of typhoid fever during the Civil War.

It is obvious from the above that the families of John and Mary Ellen (Weekley) **STEPHENS** were much affected by the Civil War. West Virginia prepared Civil War Medals for the state's Civil War Veterans. The author has in his possession the medals for William W. Weekley and Ambrose Fox.

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1. Civil War Pension files, National Archives, Washington, D. C. Joseph Y. Province was a Sgt., Co. I, 77'th Ohio Infantry.

2. Civil War Pension files, National Archives. Ambrose Fox, Ulysses Mason, and Absolom Arnett all served in Co. H, 14'th. WV Infantry.

3. Civil War Pension files, National Archives. John T. CRoss served in Co. K, 14'th. WV Infantry.

4. Civil War Pension files, National Archives.

5. Civil War Pension files, National Archives.

6. Civil War Pension files, National Archives. Francis Marion, William W., and Elmore Weekley all served in Co. C, 7th. WV Infantry.

7. Civil War Pension files, National Archives. Levi Weekley served in Co. E, 10'th WV Infantry.

8. Civil War Pension files, National Archives. William W. Weekley served in both Companies F and C, 7'th WV Infantry.

9. Civil War Pension files, National Archives.

10. Civil War Military files, National Archives, Washington, D.C. George Washington Weekley served in Co. A, 14'th WV Infantry.

11. Civil War Pension files, National Archives.

12. Civil War Pension files, National Archives. John Gorby served in Co. K, 15'th WV Infantry.

LAND RECORDS IN TYLER AND WOOD COUNTIES, WEST VIRGINIA

Shortly after moving to Tyler County from Monongalia County, in 1867 at the age of 21, with his parents, John Francis **STEPHENS** met his bride-to-be and was married within a year. John and Mary Ellen established their first home on the family farm belonging to John's parents. However, the health of John's father Samuel soon failed, and in 1871 Samuel & Margaret **STEPHENS** divided and sold or gave their farm to their children.

There were three men with the name of John **STEPHENS**, all cousins, living in the same neighborhood of Tyler County.[1] John Francis **STEPHENS** was given the nickname "Little John," another John was called "Big John," while the third John was called "Monkey John."

A Tyler Co. deed[2] dated 17 October 1871 indicates that Samuel and Margaret sold to son John F. **STEPHENS**, 50 acres on Muddy Creek for $100, to be paid as follows: $30.00 to Nancy E. Cross, wife of John T. Cross; $30.00 to Elizabeth Martin, wife of Dudley Martin; $30.00 to Mary A. Arnett, the wife of Absolom Arnett. Also, $5.00 to Martha E. Nichols; $5.00 to Marion **STEPHENS**. The above was to be paid within one year of the death of the parties of the first part. John was also to pay 1/2 of the debts of the parties of the first part contracted previous to this date. Both Samuel and Margaret signed by their marks as witnessed by J. R. Duty.

Abstracts of additional deeds of land from Samuel and Margaret to their children may be found in Chapter III.

Many of the dates on the land records involving the land transfers from the Samuel **STEPHENS** farm are confusing. However, it appears that in 1873 John **STEPHENS** and his brother Henry each sold their respective 50 acres to John's brother-in-law, Francis Marion Weekley. A Tyler County Deed[3] dated 7 November 1873 shows that Henry **STEPHENS** and others sold to Francis M. Weekley 100 acres on Muddy Creek, being part of land sold to Samuel and Margaret **STEPHENS** by J. W. McCoy, et. al. The price of $1500.00 was to be paid $400.00 before 15 March 1874, $200 before 15 March 1875, and each year thereafter with a final payment of $100.00 before 15 March 1880. Each payment to be paid with interest. The deed was signed by Henry **STEPHENS** and Phoebe E., his wife; John F. **STEPHENS** and Mary E., his wife; Margaret **STEPHENS**, as the widow of Samuel **STEPHENS**, deceased, signed by her mark. Deed was recorded 20 September 1883.

Later, Francis Marion Weekley sold 44 acres of this same land back to John **STEPHENS**. A Tyler County Deed[4] indicates that Francis M. Weekley and wife Louisa sold 44 acres on Muddy Creek

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1. Letters and personal communications to this author from Martha (Stephens) Johnson, Walker, WV, granddaughter of John and Mary Ellen Stephens.

2. Tyler County, West Virginia, Deed Book 8, page 588.

3. Tyler County, West Virginia, Deed Book 8, page 578.

4. Tyler County, West Virginia, Deed Book 8, page 589.

to John F. **STEPHENS** for $660.00, cash in hand. This deed was also recorded in 1883.

Within a short time, John sold the same 44 acres he had previously acquired from Francis M. Weekley. A Tyler County Deed[1] dated 5 April 1884, and recorded 9 October 1884, shows that John **STEPHENS** and his wife Mary E. **STEPHENS** sold to Charles W. Reed 44 acres on Muddy Creek for $700.00. Mr. Reed was to have possession of the land to "seed" in Fall of 1884 and full possession on 1 April 1885. John **STEPHENS** signed his mark to the deed, and Mary E. **STEPHENS** signed her name.

John and his family continued to live in Tyler County until 1895. However, no additional land deeds have been located to indicate where John and his family may have lived after 1885. It is believed that for the next few years John was "scouting" land with the intention of moving out of Tyler County. In a statement found in the Civil War Pension application[2] of John's brother-in-law, Absolom Arnett, the investigator who had been requested to obtain an affidavit from John, stated on 20 July 1887 that "John **STEPHENS** has left his family in Conway, Tyler County, and was in Ohio the last his family had heard from him." John did give signed statements concerning Absolom Arnett on 26 November 1887 at Conway, Tyler County. John had several cousins and other relatives living across the Ohio River from Tyler County in Monroe County, Ohio. Perhaps John considered purchasing land in Monroe County.

John made his choice for new land by 1894, in Wood County. A Wood County Deed[3] between George H. Textor and M.J. Textor, his wife, to J. F. **STEPHENS**, for 100 acres was dated 2 April 1894. The purchase price was $800.00, $300.00 cash in hand, and five negotiable notes for $100.00 each, payable each year for five years at 6% interest. The land was described as 100 acres of land "lying on the waters of Lick Run, a branch of Goose Creek, in the County of Wood, and State of W.Va., a part of land formerly known as the Wiles tract....". This deed was recorded at the Wood County Court Clerk's Office on 27 February 1896.

THE MOVE TO WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

A log house was built on the Lick Run farm in Walker District, and John, Mary Ellen, and family, moved from Tyler County in 1895. John's grandson, 4. Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**, the father of the author of this book, was born in this house in 1914. The log house was still standing during the 1950's. John and his son, Marvin Francis **STEPHENS** built a wood frame house next to the log house in 1922.

The **STEPHENS** family soon had fruit orchards established on the farm, in addition to their vegetable gardens. They produced large quantities of many varieties of apples. They buried many of the apples in the hay in the barns for winter use. Needless to

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1. Tyler County, West Virginia, Deed Book 9, page 161.

2. Civil War Pension files, National Archives.

3. Wood County, West Virginia, Deed Book 83, page 167.

say, the **STEPHENS** family grew and produced almost all of their own food. John had many bee hives and produced honey for home use and had small amounts to sell. Each spring, John would tap sugar maple trees to collect sap which was boiled down to syrup. Mary Ellen raised chickens and ducks. She sold eggs and collected feathers for pillows and feather ticks.[1]

In the early 1950's this author and his grandfather, Marvin F. **STEPHENS**, visited the farm and picked Rambo apples from the orchards planted many years earlier by John. Once these apples were picked, they were used to make apple butter outdoors in a large copper kettle over a wood fire. This author, his mother, his grandparents, and others took turns stirring the apple mixture most of a day before the delicious aromatic applebutter was produced.

John had a horse named Charlie that was used to pull a buggy which was the primary means of transportation for the family. "Old Charlie" was also used to pull a plow, mowing machine, farm wagon, etc. Samuel I. **STEPHENS**, Jr., son of Samuel Irvin, Sr., and grandson of John, remembers[2] that when he and his father traveled in the early 1920's by railroad from Parkersburg to Walker, John would meet them at Walker Station with "Old Charlie" and the buggy to take them to the farm. Apparently, Charlie was bad to bite, kick, and to run away. Once, when he was quite old, Charlie ran away while hooked to a wagon, rolled over a hillside and was killed.[3]

John traveled around the area buying furs from trappers, and roots, such as ginseng, from collectors. He could not read or write, but he could do fast math calculations in "his head." He was known to be a very fair and honest dealer. This author, who also has the initials J. F., received many times as a boy living in Walker, Wood County, mail from fur companies addressed to J.F. **STEPHENS**, long after John's death.

John and his son, Marvin, had a horse powered mill to extract the juice from sugar cane to be used in making molasses. They traveled around the county producing molasses for area farmers in the 1920's. John sold the mill to his son-in-law, Henry Ware, husband of Alice **STEPHENS**.

Mary Ellen took great pride in the exquisite quilts she hand stitched and she won many prizes for them.[4] Her granddaughter, Martha **STEPHENS** Johnson, has two of Mary Ellen's quilts in her possession as of 1989. Mary Ellen also had many beautiful flowers which she enjoyed cultivating in and around her yard. Mary Ellen also took great pride in her chickens and would not allow anyone else in the family to tend them. In later years when son Marvin and his wife Laura Mae made their home with John

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1. Letters and personal communications from Martha (Stephens) Johnson to author.

2. Personal communication from Samuel I. Stephens, Jr., Titusville, FL, dated Labor Day, 1989.

3. Personal communicationfrom Samuel I. Stephes, dated Labor Day, 1989.

4. Letters and personal communications from Martha (Stephens) Johnson.

and Mary Ellen, each woman had her own chicken house with her "own" chickens. Each woman had her "call" to be used in calling together her respective chickens for feeding. The chickens, even though they all flocked together in the fields around the chicken houses, seemed to understand the sounds of the two women and would always comply, separating and going to their "masters" when they were called.[1]

THE LICK RUN FARM

John & Mary Ellen **STEPHENS** soon sold 25 acres of their Lick Run farm to Ida Blanch Whitehair. This land was sold[2] with a deed dated 15 October 1898 for a sum of $400.00. A copy of this deed is included later in this chapter. Ida Blanch Whitehair sold[3] this same 25 acres in ca. 1901 to Sarah (Moore) Cullum Aley. Sarah was a sister to Laura Mae(Moore) **STEPHENS**, daughter-in-law of John & Mary Ellen **STEPHENS**. Sarah Aley died in 1910, and her heirs sold[4] the land to Clarence Ophie **STEPHENS**, son of John and Mary Ellen.

Clarence Ophie **STEPHENS** sold[5] the 25 acre farm on 30 September 1916 to H. D. and Minnie Pyle. A transcription of this deed is included later in this chapter. Minnie was the daughter of John and Mary Ellen **STEPHENS**. Minnie (**STEPHENS**) Pyle was the last of the **STEPHENS** family to own the land, for after she died in 1940, the 25 acres were sold for taxes in the 1950's to Pearl Morris. The land was still owned[6] in 1987 by the Morris family.

John Francis **STEPHENS** followed the example of his father, and dispersed his property to his children during his lifetime instead of leaving a will. John and Mary Ellen deeded[7] their 75 acre farm to son Marvin Francis **STEPHENS** on 12 November 1926 for the sum of $1.00 "and other valuable considerations." A copy of this deed is given later in this chapter. Marvin and his family had been living with and taking care of John and Mary Ellen. Mary Ellen **STEPHENS** was very ill at this time with dropsy and died within three months.

The Lick Run farm was transferred to Marvin's daughter and son-in-law, Martha and John Johnson, in the late 1950's. The houses were dismantled and in 1989, the land is in the possession

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1. Ibid.

2. Wood County, West Virginia, Deed Book 113, page 42.

3. Personal communication dated 23 February 1989 from Martha (Stephens) Johnson.

4. Wood County, West Virginia, Deed Book 165, Page 240. Dated 31 July 1915.

5. Wood County, West Virginia, Deed Book 167, page 175.

6. Personal communication dated 23 Feb. 1989 from Martha (Stephens) Johnson.

7. Wood County, West Virginia, Deed Book 199, page 68.

of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, as is most of the land in the Lick Run area.

THE STEPHENS FAMILY AND MT. CARMEL CHURCH AT WALKER

John **STEPHENS** and his family were always energetic church workers. The original Mt. Carmel Church building, in Walker District of Wood County, burned in 1910. John **STEPHENS** was instrumental in acquiring a new site and building a new church building. The site chosen, which is the same site in 1989, was closer to the center of the population of the area. The original Mt. Carmel Church was about two miles out the Fall Run Road from the present site.

As one of the trustees for Mt. Carmel Church, John Francis **STEPHENS**, et. al., received a deed[1] dated 6 April 1910 for the present site of the church from E. H. Marlow and his wife, Rosa Marlow. A copy of this deed appears later in this chapter. A wood frame church building was completed in 1910. An addition was constructed in the late 1940's or early 1950's while this author was a boy attending the church. This church was heated by a large wood burning stove in the middle of church. In the 1950's a great improvement was made when two gas heaters, one on each end of the church, were added which were fueled by "bottled gas."

John, still a trustee of Mt. Carmel Church, was deeded a one acre lot across the road from the church to be used as a "burying ground" in a deed[2] dated 28 January 1914 from Albert C. and Agnes Nichols to J. F. **STEPHENS**, trustee, et. al. A copy of this deed appears later in this chapter. Of course, John, Mary Ellen, and many other members of the **STEPHENS** family have been buried in the Mt. Carmel Church Cemetery.

Many members of the **STEPHENS** and related families were members of and attended Mt. Carmel Church, including the author of this book. Unfortunately, fire again struck the Mt. Carmel church and the structure built in 1910 was completely destroyed by a fire of mysterious origin in 1968.

THE LAST YEARS

Mary Ellen **STEPHENS** was very feeble the last few years of her life because of dropsy. She died[3] in her home at 4:00 p.m. on 9 February 1927, just five days short of her 76'th. birthday. She was buried the next day in the Mt. Carmel Church Cemetery. Her undertaker was B. F. Blackwell, a local resident.

John **STEPHENS** was blind in his later years, and spent much time rocking in a rocking chair in front of the fireplace. His rocking chair, which was a wedding gift to Marvin F. **STEPHENS** and Laura Mae Moore in 1910 from Joe and Essie (**STEPHENS**) Donnelly, is now (1989) in the possession of his

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1. Wood County, West Virginia, Deed Book 154, page 371.

2. Wood County, West Virginia, Deed Book 162, page 39.

3. West Virginia Death Certificate #2810 for Mary Ellen Stephens.

granddaughter, Martha (**STEPHENS**) Johnson. John died[1] in his home at 3:30 p.m. on 8 November 1936. His son Marvin, and daughter Mary were with him when he died and would have supplied information for the death certificate and obituary. John's body was moved to the Warne Funeral Home in Parkersburg, 25 miles away, and brought back next day to the home where family members received friends. This is believed to be the first time in the neighborhood that a body was removed from the home to a funeral home for embalming and preparation for burial. The local custom had been to prepare a body while it was still in the home and having the burial service within a day of the death of a person. John was buried on 10 November 1936 in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery. John's physician was W. Russell Yeager, M.D., a friend from the community who was a family physician, practicing medicine in Parkersburg, WV, to five generations of the **STEPHENS** family.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Articles concerning the **STEPHENS** family have been published in recent Tyler[2] County and Marion[3] County, WV History Books.

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1. Obituary for John Stephens, published 8 November 1936 in Parkersburg, WV, newspaper. Also, West Virginia death certificate #17481 for John Stephens.

2. Tyler County Heritage & Historical Society, History of Tyler County, WV to 1984.

3. Marion County Historical Society, A History of Marion County, West Virginia To 1985(Marceline, MO: Walsworth Publishing Co., 1986).

SECTION 2.
Miscelaneous Documents

WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA DEED
Deed Book No. 83, Page 167

GEORGE W. TEXTOR & WIFE TO J. F. STEPHENS
Dated 2 April 1894

The following is a transcription from a photocopy of the original deed #485 recorded 27 February 1896 in the Wood County Court Clerk's Office, West Virginia.

This deed made this 2nd day of April 1894, between George H. Textor and M.J. Textor, his wife, parties of the first part, and J. F. **STEPHENS** of the second part, all of the County of Wood, and state of W. Va., witnesseth: That in consideration of Eight Hundred Dollars, Viz: $300.00 cash in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and five negotiable notes for $100.00 each, payable in one, two, three, four, and five years, bearing even date with this deed, and drawing six per cent interest from date, for the payment of which notes a vendors lien is hereby retained, the said parties of the first part do hereby grant unto the said J. F. **STEPHENS**-, his heirs and assigns forever with covenants of general Warranty, the following tract or parcel of land lying on the waters of Lick Run, a branch of Goose Creek, in the County of Wood, and State of W. VA., a part of the land formerly known as the Wiles tract, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a large Rock marked with A X near the bank of Lick Run, a corner to Drusilla Lazure, thence with three of her lines, N,44'-30"E. 28-75/100 Poles to a Stonepile: N,29'E. 35-25/100 Poles to Stonepile: S,75'E. 7-1/2 Poles to a Stonepile: thence N, 16'-15"E. 47 Poles to an Ironwood and Ironwood points thence N,5'-45"W. 51-2/10 Poles to a Stake: thence S,89'-45"W. 143-1/2 Poles crossing a branch of Lick Run to a large Pine corner to Harris, passing a stonepile at 3/4 Poles, and another Stonepile at 18-1/6 Poles: thence S,15'-50"E. 21-27/100 Poles to a Stonepile: thence S, 20'-25"W. 14-42/100 Poles to a Stone: thence N,58'-10" W. 28-91/100 Poles to a small Double White Oak, and points in the Harris line: thence S,10'-15" W. crossing Lick Run 82-85/100 Poles to a Stone and White Oak Points: thence S, 89'-45"E. 111 Poles to the beginning containing 100 acres together with all the appurtenances thereto belonging.

Witness the following Signatures and Seals:

Geo. W. Textor <seal>
M. J. Textor <seal>

State of West Virginia)
) S.S.
County of Wood)

I Geo. H. Gordon a Notary Public of the above County and State do certify that Geo. H. Textor and M. J. Textor whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on 2nd. day of April, 1894 this day acknowledged the same before me in my County and State aforesaid. Given under my hand the 1st. day of May 1894.

Geo. H. Gordon <seal>
Notary Public Wood Co., W.Va.

State of West Virginia:
WOOD COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, February 27,1896.
The foregoing writing bearing date on the 2' day of April A.D. 1894, with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed, was this day admitted to record in said office.

Teste: B.F. Stewart <seal> Clerk W.C.C.

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WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA DEED
Deed Book No. 113, Page 421

JOHN F. STEVENS & WIFE TO IDA BLANCH WHITEHAIR
Dated 15 October 1898

The following is a transcription from a photocopy of the original Deed recorded 15 October 1898.

This Deed made 15th day of October 1898 Between John F. Stevens and Mary E Stevens his wife of the first part and Ida Blanch Whitehall of the second part, all of the County of Wood and State of West Virginia.

Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars in hand, and the further sum of one hundred dollars to be paid yearly thereafter with interest thereof for which the said second part executes her notes for first comes due October 15th 1889. Second Note due October 15th 1900, third Note due October 15th 1901, does grant unto the said Ida Blanch Whitehair all that certain track or parcel of land lying and being in Wood County West Virginia and on the waters of Lick Run in Walker District for which the said first party retains a v_____ bill upon the land for the Residue thereof of One Hundred dollars.

Beginning at a Crab Apple tree on County Road: thence Northerly to a White Oak on the Road side: thence Westerly direction to a Sugar on a hillside of Lick Run:

thence Northerly to a stake on the line between Mr. Stevens and Hendershot: thence Easterly with said Hendershot line to a stone pile: thence continuing with Stevens line & Jets line to a Stake two poles N. of Druzilla Leasure's corner: thence in a Westerly direction to the Beginning supposed to be Twenty-five Acres more or less, to have and to hold Excepting One Sixteenth of Oil & Gas should there be any gotten upon the said land conveyed the party, to first Warrant the title generally to the property conveyed.

Witness the following Signatures & Seals the day and year first above Written.

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John X F. Stevens <seal>
mark

Mary E. **STEPHENS** <seal>

State of West Virginia)
Wood County) To Wit

J. T. Devaughn a Notary Public in and for said County of Wood do Certify that John F. Stevens and Mary E. Stevens his wife personally appeared before me in my said County, whose names are signed to the written writing bearing date on the 15th day of October, 1895, acknowledged the same before me.

Given under my hand this 15" day of October ,1898.
T. Devaughn
Notary Public

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WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA DEED
Deed Book 167, Page 175

C. O. STEPHENS TO H. D. PYLE & MINNIE PYLE
Dated 30 September 1916

The following is a transcription from a photocopy of the original Deed recorded 28 October 1916 in the Wood County Clerk's office.

THIS DEED made this 30th day of Sept. 1916, between C. O. **STEPHENS** of the County of Wood and State of West VA., of the first part, and H. D. Pyle and Minnie Pyle his wife of the County of Wood and state of West VA., of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) of which amount ten Dollars ($10.) is cash in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Two Hundred and twenty five dollars ($225.00) and interest of said amount is made payable to J. B. Yeager on demand, Thirty Dollars ($30) is made payable to Joe Donnelly and the remainder of said amount is to be paid to C. O. **STEPHENS** party of the first part.

THE said C. O. **STEPHENS** does grant unto the said H. D. Pyle and Minnie PYle his wife with covenants of General Warranty all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land lying and being in the district of Walker in the County of Wood and State of W. Va., on the waters of Lick Run, and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a crab apple tree on the County road; thence running in a northerly direction to a whiteoak on the road side; thence running in westerly course to a sugar tree on hillside of Lick Run thence northerly to a stake on the line between **STEPHENS** and Hendershot thence Easterly with said Hendershots line to a stone pile, thence continuing with **STEPHENS** line and Jet's line to a stake two poles north of Druzilla Leasure's corner; thence in a westerly direction to the place of beginning; Containing Twenty-five acres, be the same more or less.

Being the same lot, tract or parcel of land granted and conveyed unto the said C. O. **STEPHENS** by County Court of Wood County, by deed, bearing date the 31st day of July, 1915 and of record in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Wood County, in Deed Book No. 165 and page 240.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lot, tract or parcel of land or premises together with all and singular the appurtenances thereto belonging, unto the said H. D. Pyles and Minnie Pyle his wife their heirs and assigns forever.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

C. O. **STEPHENS** <seal>

State of West Virginia,
Wood County, to-wit:

I, G.W. Dollman, a Notary Public of said County of Wood do certify that C. O. **STEPHENS** whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date the 30th day of said County,

Given under my hand the 30th day of Sept. 1916,

G. W. Dollman, Notary Public,

My Commission expires Feb. 1st. 1920,

Recorded October 28, 1916,

Teste: C. L. McVey <seal> C W C C

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WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA DEED
Deed Book No. 199, Page 68

J. F. STEPHENS TO MARVIN F. STEPHENS
Dated 12 November 1926

The following is a transcription from a photocopy of the original Deed recorded 20 April 1929 in the Wood County, W.Va. Clerk's Office.

THIS DEED made this 12th day of Nov. 1926 by and between J. F. **STEPHENS** and Mary E. **STEPHENS** his wife of the County of Wood and State of W.Va. parties of the first part, and Marvin F. **STEPHENS** and wife parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That in consideration of One Dollar ($1.00) and other valuable considerations cash paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged The said parties of the first part does grant unto the said Marvin F. **STEPHENS** and wife their heirs and assigns forever, with covenants of general warranty all the following tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Dist. of Walker Wood County and state of West Va. on the waters of Lick Run and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a large rock marked A. X. near the bank of lick run a corner to Drisella Lazure thence with three of her lines N. 44' 30" E. 28 75/100 poles to a stone pile N. 29 E. 35 25/100 poles to a stone pile S. 75; E. 7 1/2 poles to a stone pile; thence N. 16' 15" E. 47 poles to an ironwood and Ironwood pointer; thence N. 5' 45" W' 51 2/10 to a corner to Harris, passing a stone pile 3/4 poles and another stone pile at 18 1/2 poles; thence S. 15' 50" E. 21 27/100 poles to a stone pile thence S. 20' 25" 2. 14.42/100 poles to a stone thence N.58' 10" W. 28 91/100 poles to a small double white oak and points in Harris line; thence South 10' 15" W. crossing lick run 82 85/100 poles to a stone and white oak pointer, thence S. 89' 45" E. 111 poles to the beginning, containing Seventy five 75 acres be the same more or less.

Also be it known at the death of the said J. F. **STEPHENS** and Mary E. **STEPHENS** his wife, parties of the first part the said Marvin F. **STEPHENS** and wife of the second part is to pay the following named heirs the amount as follows on one year from the date of death of the said J. F. and Mary E. **STEPHENS:**

Irvin **STEPHENS**, Fifty Dollars ($50.00)
Alice Ware, Twenty five Dollars ($25.00) each.

It is further agreed that the first parties hereby retain and reserve in this conveyance the one half (1/2) of all the mineral rights during their life time Granting and giving the said second parties the right to lease for oil or gas at any time. With all the appurtenances thereunto belonging witness the following signatures and seal.

his
J. F. X **STEPHENS** <seal>
mark

Mary E. **STEPHENS** <seal>

Witness to mark: M. A. Modesitt <seal>

State of W.Va.
Wood County, to-wit:

I, G. W. Dollman, a Notary Public of said County and State do certify that J. F. **STEPHENS** and Mary E. **STEPHENS**, his wife whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date the 12th day of Nov. 1926, have each this day acknowledged the same before me this 12th day of Nov. 1926.

My commission expires Jan. 26, 1930.

G.W. Dollman, Notary Public.
(N.P. SEAL)

Recorded April 20, 1929.

Teste:- C.E. Pahl <seal>C W C C

DEED FOR MT. CARMEL CHURCH

WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA DEED
Deed Book 154, Page 371

E. H. MARLOW & WIFE TO TRUSTEES FOR THE U.B. CHURCH
Dated 6 April 1910

The following is a transcription from a photocopy of the original deed, recorded 16 June 1910 in the Wood County Clerk's Office.

THIS DEED, Made this 6th day of April 1910 between E. H. Marlow and Rosa Marlow his wife of the County of Wood and State of West Virginia of the first part, and J. F. Stevens, C.O. Blackwell, M.J. Modesitt, A.C. Nichols and J.W. Ware, Trustees of the County of Wood and State of West Virginia of the Second part.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of One ($1.00) Dollar cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, for the sole and exclusive use of the United Brethren Church, as a site for a church; the said E.H. Marlow & Wife do grant unto the said Trustees of the Second part with covenants of General Warranty all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land lying and being in the District of Walker in the County of Wood and State of West Virginia on the waters of Walkers Creek and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the center of the Freeport & Volcano Road 18 links from Pine Pointers; thence N 78 W 9-2/25 poles to a stone; thence S 27-1/2 W 9 poles to a stone; thence S 78 E 10-2/25 poles to the center of said road; thence along the center of said road N 17 E 4 poles; N 36 E 5-2/25 poles to the place of the beginning; Containing 1/2 acre, be the same more or less;

Being a part of the same lot, tract or parcel of land granted unto the said E. H. Marlow by Geo. H. Textor & Wife by deed, bearing date the 27th day of Sept. 1909, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Wood County, in Deed Book No. 153 Page 236.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lot, tract or parcel of land or premises together with all and singular the appurtenances thereto belonging, unto the said Second Parties and their successors forever.

WITNESS the following signatures and seals:

E. H. Marlow <seal>
Rosa Marlow <seal>

State of West Virginia,
Wood County, To-Wit:

I, Geo. Swearingen a Notary Public of said County of Wood do certify that E. H. Marlow and Rosa Marlow his wife whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date the 6th day of April 1910, this day acknowledged the same before me in my said county.

GIVEN under my hand this 6th day of April 1910.

Geo. Swearingen, Notary Public
My Com. Expires Jan 11, 1920

Recorded This the 16th day of June 1910.

Teste: Wm. Dudley <seal> C.W.C.C.

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DEED FOR MT. CARMEL CHURCH CEMETERY

WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA DEED
Deed Book No. 162, Page 39

A. C. NICHOLS TO J. F. STEPHENS, TRUSTEE, et. al.
Dated 28 January 1914

The following is a transcription from a photocopy of the original deed, recorded 2 February 1914 in the Wood County Clerk's Office.

THIS DEED, Made this 28th day of January 1914 between A. C. Nichols and Agnes Nichols his wife of the county of Wood and State of West Virginia, of the first part, and **J. F. Stephens**, J. W. Ware, A. C. Nichols, C. O. Blackwell and M. J. Modesett, Trustees of the County of Wood and State of West Virginia of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of Eight ($8.00) Dollars cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged; The said A. C. Nichols and wife does grant unto the said Trustees for a Public burying ground with covenants of General Warranty all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land lying and being in the District of

Walker in the County of Wood and State of West Virginia on the waters of Goose Creek and Lick Run and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone on the southeast edge of the Freeport and Volcano Road near the United Brethren Church, but on the opposite side of the road; thence S 21-1/4 E 12 poles to a stone; thence N 27-1/2 E 21 poles to a stone; thence N 58 W 8 poles to a stone in the edge of said road; thence along the side of said road S 32 W 14 poles to the place of beginning; Containing One (1) acre, be the same more or less:

Being a part of the same lot, tract or parcel of land granted and conveyed unto the said A. C. Nichols by H.D. Lee by deed, bearing date the __ day of ____ 191_, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Wood County, in Deed Book No. ___ Page ___.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lot, tract or parcel of land or premises together with all and singular the appurtenances thereto belonging, unto the said Second parties their heirs and assigns forever.

WITNESS the following signatures and seals.

A. C. Nichols <seal>
Agnes Nichols <seal>

State of West Virginia,
Wood County, To wit:

I, G.W. Dollman a Notary Public of said County of Wood do certify that A. C. Nichols and Agnes Nichols his wife, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date the 28th day of January 1914, this day acknowledged the same before me in my said County.

GIVEN Under my hand this 29th day of January 1914.

G. W. Dollman <seal> Notary Public

(N P SEAL)
My Commission Expires
February 1st 1920.

Recorded this the 2nd day of February 1914.

Teste: Wm. Dudley <seal> C W C C

OBITUARY
Newspaper Published in Parkersburg, WV, on 8 November 1936

The following is a transcription from a photocopy of the newspaper clipping of an obituary.

JOHN STEPHENS, 90, DIES AT WALKER

John F. **STEPHENS**, aged 90, died Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at his home at Walker Station following two years' illness.

Surviving are three sons, C. O. of Akron, Ohio, M. F. of Walker and S. I. of Parkersburg, and seven daughters, Mrs. Cora Lee and Mrs. Alice Ware of Walker, Mrs. Margaret Haught of Leon, W.Va., Mrs. Martha Butler of Tanner, W.VA., Mrs. Essie Donnelly of Cairo, W.Va., Mrs. Etta Rowley of Parkersburg, and Mrs. Minnie Modesitt of Grafton, W.Va.

Funeral services are to be held Tuesday at 2 o'clock from Mount Carmel church, with interment in the adjoining cemetery. The body is to be removed from Warne mortuary to the home this evening.

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SECTION 3.

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS
JOHN FRANCIS STEPHENS & HIS CHILDREN

HUSBAND: 16. **John Francis STEPHENS**
B: 30 Apr 1846 @ Monongalia Co,WV (Day's Run)
M: 08 Oct 1868 @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 08 Nov 1936 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 32. **Samuel STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 33. **Margaret (HAGANS ?)**

WIFE: 17. 17. **Mary Ellen WEEKLEY**
B: 14 Feb 1851 @ Ellsworth Dist,Tyler Co,WV
D: 09 Feb 1927 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 34. **Otho WEEKLEY**
MOTHER: 35. **Elizabeth KEMP**

CHILDREN

1 F 16(1) **Clara M. STEPHENS**
B: 09 Dec 1869 @ Tyler Co,WV
Single
D: 26 Sep 1870 @ Tyler Co,WV

2 M 16(2) **Jesse R. STEPHENS (Stevens)**
B: Apr 1871 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 11 Apr 1896 to E. Bertha ROBINSON @ Wood Co,WV
D: 29 Sep 1923 @ Elizabeth,Wirt Co,WV

3 F 16(3) **Margaret E. (Maggie) STEPHENS**
B: 14 Aug 1872 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 15 Aug 1896 to William H. HAUGHT
D: 07 Jan 1952 @ Dunbar,WV

4 F 16(4) **Cora Ann STEPHENS**
B: 01 Jul 1875 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 12 Mar 1895 to Henry Dallas LEE @ Wood Co,WV
D: 08 Nov 1949 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

5 F 16(5) **Mary Martha (Mattie) STEPHENS**
B: 16 Apr 1877 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 25 Apr 1898 to Walter J. BUTLER
D: 21 Dec 1937 @ Tanner,Gilmer Co.,WV (DeKalb Dist.)

6 F 16(6) **Florence Etta STEPHENS**
B: 11 Jan 1879 @ Muddy Creek,Tyler Co,WV
M: 18 Apr 1898 to Francis Delford (Dell) ROWLEY
@ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 25 May 1951 @ Parkersburg, Wood Co,WV

CHILDREN (Continued)

7 F 16(7) **Essie Delrie STEPHENS**
B: 08 Sep 1881 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 24 Feb 1903 to Joseph H. DONNELLY
@ Ritchie Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 05 Oct 1969 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

8 F 16(8) **Arminta May (Minnie) STEPHENS**
B: 11 Jan 1883 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 20 Apr 1909 to Harry Dewit PYLE @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 1921 to William Homer MODESITT
@ Clarksburg,Harrison Co,WV
D: 15 Feb 1940 @ Brushy Fork,Barbour Co,WV

9 M 16(9) **Samuel Irvin STEPHENS Sr.**
B: 14 Dec 1885 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 20 Jun 1911 to Blanch Hope MCKEAND @ Kenova,Wayne Co,WV
D: 06 Oct 1971 @ Parkersburg,WV

10 M 16(10)8 **Marvin Francis STEPHENS**
B: 07 Sep 1889 @ Middlebourne, Tyler Co., WV
M: 30 Jan 1910 to 9. **Laura Mae MOORE** @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 15 Sep 1970 to Mabel Catherine CORDRAY @ Wood Co,WV
D: 22 Sep 1978 @ Walker,Wood Co., WV

11 F 16(11) **Ida Alice STEPHENS**
B: 10 Aug 1891 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 22 Aug 1911 to Henry Adam WARE @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 10 Jul 1972 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

12 M 16(12) **Clarence Ophie STEPHENS**
B: 22 May 1894 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: by 1920 to Iva LITTLE (Widowed)
RM: to Bessie
D: 09 Feb 1975 @ Akron,OH

13 F 16(13) **Elizabeth(?) STEPHENS**
B: May 1874 ? @ Tyler Co,WV
Single
D: 1874 ? @ Tyler Co,WV

HUSBAND: 16(2) **Jesse R. STEPHENS (Stevens)**
B: Apr 1871 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 11 Apr 1896 @ Wood Co,WV
D: 29 Sep 1923 @ Elizabeth,Wirt Co,WV
FATHER: 16. John Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 17. Mary Ellen WEEKLEY

WIFE: E. Bertha ROBINSON
B: Apr 1876 @ Ritchie Co,WV
D: @ Akron,OH
FATHER: A.C. ROBINSON
MOTHER: M.E.ROBINSON

CHILDREN

1 M Carl **STEPHENS**

2 M Orval **STEPHENS**
B: May 1898 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

3 F Mildred **STEPHENS**
B: @ WV
M: to Mr. ANDERSON
RM: to Mr. MONGOLD
Living 1989

4 F Nellie **STEPHENS**
B: 17 Nov 1897 @ Walker,WV
D: 05 Sep 1898 @ Walker,WV

5 M baby boy **STEPHENS**
B: 1897/1900 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
D: by 1900 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

HUSBAND: William H. HAUGHT
B: 1863 @ Monroe Co,OH
M: by 1889 to 1st wife @ Monroe Co,OH (Widowed)
M: 15 Aug 1896 to wife below
D: 1946 @ Dunbar,WV
FATHER: Benjamin Theodore HAUGHT
MOTHER: Margaret Maria LITTLE

WIFE: 16(3) **Margaret E. (Maggie) STEPHENS**
B: 14 Aug 1872 @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 07 Jan 1952 @ Dunbar,WV
FATHER: 16. John Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 17. Mary Ellen WEEKLEY

CHILDREN

1 M Earl HAUGHT
B: 30 Dec 1897 @ Monroe Co,OH
M: to Fanny GRAY
D: by 1989

2 F Hattie HAUGHT
B: 09 Jun 1899 @ Monroe Co,OH
Single
D: 09 Jun 1899 @ Monroe Co,OH

3 F Winnie HAUGHT
B: 19 May 1901 @ Wood Co,WV
M: to Ottie MCKINNEY
Living 1989

4 F Daisy M. HAUGHT
B: 12 Oct 1902 @ Doddridge Co,WV
M: to Charles W. WARNER (Widowed)
Living 1989

5 F Nellie M. HAUGHT
B: 15 Aug 1904 @ Doddridge Co,WV
M: to Holly STEWART
Living 1989

6 M Leland J. HAUGHT
B: 06 Apr 1906 @ Wood Co,WV
M: to Thelma ROGERS

7 M James Lester HAUGHT
B: 12 Feb 1909 @ Wirt Co,WV
M: to Opal NIGHTSTEP
D: by 1989

8 F Zelma Grace HAUGHT
B: 04 Jul 1913 @ Mason Co,WV
D: 06 Sep 1914

9 M Delbert Ray HAUGHT
B: 23 Jun 1915 @ Mason Co,WV
M: to Esta ESTEP
D: by 1989

10 M Edda Kenneth WAY
B: 29 Feb 1892 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: to Nellie SCHRADER (Widowed)
RM: to Lila
D: 24 Apr 1972

HUSBAND: Henry Dallas LEE
B: 1871 @ Monroe Co,OH
M: 12 Mar 1895 @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 1962 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: Frederick LEE

WIFE: 16(4) **Cora Ann STEPHENS**
B: 01 Jul 1875 @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 08 Nov 1949 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 16. John Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 17. Mary Ellen WEEKLEY

CHILDREN

1 M Walter Arden LEE
B: 13 Feb 1896 @ Middlebourne,Tyler Co,WV
M: 04 Jun 1917 to Ida Jane LEASURE @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: to Minnie
D: 13 Jul 1977 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV

2 M D. Emerson LEE
B: 1897 @ WV
M: to Irene
D: by 1986

3 M Charles S. LEE
B: 1899 @ WV
M: to Lillian
D: by 1986

4 M George Irvin LEE
B: 1901 @ Wood Co,WV
M: to Ila (Widowed)
D: 1974 @ Huntington,WV

5 F Clara LEE
B: 1903 @ Wood Co,WV
M: to John WILCOX (Widowed)
Living @ Vienna,WV, in 1991

HUSBAND: Walter J. BUTLER
B: 1867 @ Olean,NY
M: 25 Apr 1898 (Widowed)
D: 06 Jun 1957 @ Clarksburg,Harrison Co,WV
FATHER: Mr. BUTLER
MOTHER: Miss HINZMAN

WIFE: 16(5) **Mary Martha (Mattie) STEPHENS**
B: 16 Apr 1877 @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 21 Dec 1937 @ Tanner,Gilmer Co.,WV (DeKalb Dist.)
FATHER: 16. John Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 17. Mary Ellen WEEKLEY

CHILDREN

1 M Olin BUTLER
B: 1900 @ Sisterville,WV
M: 1924 to Hazel BURNSIDE @ Lost Creek,WV
Living 1989

2 F Lillie BUTLER
B: 1908 @ Wolf Summit,Harrison Co,WV
M: to Orpha ROOT
D: 24 Sep 1977 @ Morgantown,Monongalia Co,WV

3 F Helen BUTLER
B: @ Sisterville,WV
M: to Albert Lawrence TOMBLIN @ Lost Creek,WV (Divorced)
RM: 1961 to Noel Ray CURRY @ Winchester,VA (Widowed)
RM: 1969 to Joseph E. MCINTYRE @ Winchester,VA (Widowed)
Living 1989

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HUSBAND: Francis Delford (Dell) ROWLEY
B: 1866 @ Wood Co,WV
M: 18 Apr 1898 @ Wood Co,WV
D: 08 Sep 1937 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV

WIFE: 16(6) **Florence Etta STEPHENS**
B: 11 Jan 1879 @ Muddy Creek,Tyler Co,WV
D: 25 May 1951 @ Parkersburg, Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 16. John Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 17. Mary Ellen WEEKLEY

CHILDREN

1 M Harvey W. ROWLEY
B: ca 1900
M: to unknown
D: by 1989

2 M Irvin R. ROWLEY
B: ca 1905 @ Wolf Summit,WV
M: to Lena
Living @ (1989) Camp Verde,AZ

3 M Paul Lindsay ROWLEY
B: 10 Aug 1907 @ Wolf Summit,WV
M: to Oma METZ
D: 01 Jul 1989 @ Clarksburg,Harrison Co,WV

4 M Francis Emerson ROWLEY
B: aft 1910
M: to Frances
Living (1989) Parkersburg,WV

5 F Mabel ROWLEY
B: ca 1902
M: to Forrest SCHUMACKER
Living (1989)

HUSBAND: Harry Dewit PYLE
B: 21 Jun 1883 @ Wirt Co,WV
M: 20 Apr 1909 @ Wood Co,WV
D: 06 Dec 1916 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: Thomas PYLE
MOTHER: Lydia STROSS (ALEXANDER ?)

WIFE: 16(8) **Arminta May (Minnie) STEPHENS**
B: 11 Jan 1883 @ Tyler Co,WV
OM: 1921 to William Homer MODESITT
@ Clarksburg,Harrison Co,WV
D: 15 Feb 1940 @ Brushy Fork,Barbour Co,WV
FATHER: 16. John Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 17. Mary Ellen WEEKLEY

CHILDREN

1 M Leon Iza PYLE
B: 21 Mar 1907 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 05 Dec 1933 to Hazel Virginia ADAMS
D: 25 Apr 1956 @ Rosemont,WV

2 M John Stephen PYLE
B: 10 Jun 1915 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 03 Jan 1940 to Dorothy Mae ROTRUCK
D: 18 May 1943 @ Keyser,WV

3 M Harry Burl PYLE
B: 21 Jun 1917 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 14 Sep 1939 to Mary HORNER
D: 01 Feb 1988 @ Logan,WV

4 F Paulene Blanch PYLE
B: 22 Nov 1913 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 31 Oct 1933 to Paul DODD (Widowed)
Living (1989)Clarksburg,WV

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HUSBAND: William Homer MODESITT
B: 1886 @ WV
OM: 1906 to Frances HOWELL (Widowed)
M: 1921 to wife below @ Clarksburg,Harrison Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 04 Mar 1958

WIFE: 16(8) **Arminta May (Minnie) STEPHENS**
B: 11 Jan 1883 @ Tyler Co,WV
OM: 20 Apr 1909 to Harry Dewit PYLE @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)

CHILDREN

1 F Essie May MODESITT
B: ca 1924 @ WV
M: to Mr. ADAMS

HUSBAND: 16(9) **Samuel Irvin STEPHENS Sr.**
B: 14 Dec 1885 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 20 Jun 1911 @ Kenova,Wayne Co,WV
D: 06 Oct 1971 @ Parkersburg,WV
FATHER: 16. John Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 17. Mary Ellen WEEKLEY

WIFE: Blanch Hope MCKEAND
B: 03 Aug 1894 @ Kenova,WV ?
D: 04 Oct 1987 @ Florida
FATHER: Horatio (Rash) MCKEAND
MOTHER: Minnie PLYMATE MCKEAND

CHILDREN

1 M Samuel Irvin **STEPHENS** Jr.
B: 02 Nov 1912 @ Kenova,Wayne Co,WV
M: 30 Jun 1938 to Mildred (Millie) BUCKLEW
Living 1989, Titusville, FL

2 M Walter Lee **STEPHENS**
B: 20 Sep 1914 @ Kenova,Wayne Co,WV
M: ca 1941 to Frances RANSON
Living 1989 @ St. Albans,WV

3 M William Clayton **STEPHENS**
B: 11 Jun 1921 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: ca 1943 to Peggy FRASHER (Divorced)
RM: ca 1949 to Eleanor HATTEN (Divorced)
RM: ca 1953 to Ellen SALTER
Living 1989 @ Columbus,OH

4 M Robert Louis **STEPHENS**
B: 28 Dec 1928 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: ca 1949 to Eleanor FOX @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
Living 1989 @ Louisville,KY

HUSBAND: 16(10)8 **Marvin Francis STEPHENS**
B: 07 Sep 1889 @ Middlebourne, Tyler Co., WV
M: 30 Jan 1910 to wife below @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
OM: 15 Sep 1970 to Mabel Catherine CORDRAY @ Wood Co,WV
D: 22 Sep 1978 @ WALKER, WOOD CO., WV
FATHER: 16. John Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 17. Mary Ellen WEEKLEY

WIFE: 9. **Laura Mae MOORE**
B: 01 Oct 1890 @ WALKER, WOOD CO., WV
D: 15 Oct 1968 @ PARKERSBURG, WOOD CO.,WV
FATHER: 18. Robert Cummings MOORE
MOTHER: 19. Margaret Cordelia MURRY

CHILDREN

1 F Edith Virginia **STEPHENS**
B: 29 Nov 1910 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: 31 Jan 1930 to Clarence Edwin McCAULEY @ Charleston,WV
RM: 15 May 1942 to Cecil HARRIS @ Wirt Co,WV (Divorced)
Living @ Parkersburg,WV

2 F Bernice Olive **STEPHENS**
B: 11 Apr 1912 @ Walker,Wood Co,W
M: 31 Dec 1932 to William Russell JOHNSON
D: 06 Dec 1975 @ Washington's Bottom,Wood Co,WV

3 M 4. **Cecil Francis STEPHENS**
B: 20 Mar 1914 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 16 Apr 1938 to 5. **Dora Lee JENKINS** @ Parkersburg, WV
D: 29 Jul 1961 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

4 F Clara Mae **STEPHENS**
B: 24 Jun 1916 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 26 Jun 1937 to John Rodney CANTWELL @ Wood Co,WV (Widow)
Living @ Vienna, WV

5 M Joseph Charles **STEPHENS**
B: 25 Jan 1918 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
D: 23 Apr 1919 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

6 F Naomi Pearl **STEPHENS**
B: 18 Mar 1920 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 1940 to Samuel G. GRAY
Living @ Colorado

7 F Carrie Martha **STEPHENS**
B: 20 Mar 1922 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 02 Apr 1945 to John Leslie JOHNSON @ Clarksburg,WV
D: 04 Aug 1991 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

8 F Ruth Delarie **STEPHENS**
B: 05 Jun 1924 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 09 May 1953 to Morton FREY Jr.
Living @ near Nashville, TN

9 M George Irvin **STEPHENS**
B: 28 Mar 1927 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 12 Jan 1950 to Twila (Tillie) Lorain THOMPSON
Living @ Colorado

10 F Ruby Louise **STEPHENS**
B: 26 Jul 1929 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: to James HAMILTON (Divorced)
RM: to Jay VARNADO (Divorced)
RM: to Claude HYLE (Divorced)
Living @ near Denver,CO

11 M John Robert **STEPHENS**
B: 31 Jul 1931 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 29 Sep 1951 to Nancy MAYNE @ Belpre,OH (Divorced)
RM: 06 Nov 1976 to Florence HAYS
Living @ near Cleveland,OH

HUSBAND: Henry Adam WARE
B: 18 Mar 1892 @ Barbour Co,WV
M: 22 Aug 1911 @ Wood Co,WV
D: 30 Dec 1967 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: John W. WARE
MOTHER: Virginia WARE

WIFE: 16(11) **Ida Alice STEPHENS**
B: 10 Aug 1891 @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 10 Jul 1972 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 16. John Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 17. Mary Ellen WEEKLEY

CHILDREN

1 F Nellie May WARE
B: 16 May 1932 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
D: 16 May 1932 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

2 F Mary Virginia WARE
B: 11 Aug 1913 @ Walker,WV
M: to Thurman GALLOWAY @ Elizabeth,Wirt Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 17 Mar 1943 to Bernard JOHNSON
Living @ Walker,WV

3 M Henry Lester WARE
B: 05 Feb 1916 @ Walker,WV
M: to Ida HICKMAN @ Wirt Co,WV

4 F Dorothy May WARE
B: 01 Mar 1918 @ Walker,WV
M: 02 Nov 1938 to Virgil SWEARINGEN (Widowed)
Living @ Walker, Wood Co,WV

5 M Warren Howard WARE
B: 01 Nov 1920 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 27 Jul 1946 to Betty HOPKINS @ Wood Co,WV
Living @ Rt.2,Box 21,Walker,WV 26180

6 F Opal Marie WARE
B: 21 Jan 1923 @ Walker,WV
M: 15 Apr 1944 to Harley HICKMAN @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
RM: to Mr. FORD (Widowed)

7 F Florence Mabel WARE
B: 30 Nov 1924 @ Walker,WV
M: to Charles BROOKOVER (Widowed)

8 F Mildred Elizabeth WARE
B: 19 Oct 1929 @ Walker,WV
M: 04 Nov 1947 to Calvin (Jiggs) BELL
@ Marietta,Washington Co,OH

9 F Ethel Pauline WARE
B: 30 Sep 1933 @ Walker,WV
M: 09 Feb 1952 to Earnest ROLSON @ Kanawha,Wood Co,WV
Living

10 M Ralph Harold WARE
B: 22 Feb 1928 @ Wirt Co,WV
Single
D: 25 Oct 1980 @ Walker,WV

HUSBAND: 16(12) **Clarence Ophie STEPHENS**
B: 22 May 1894 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: by 1920 to wife below (Widowed)
OM: to Bessie
D: 09 Feb 1975 @ Akron,OH
FATHER: 16. John Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 17. Mary Ellen WEEKLEY

WIFE: Iva LITTLE
D: @ Akron, OH ??

CHILDREN

1 M Carl **STEPHENS**
M: to
RM: to
RM: to

2 M John (Jack) **STEPHENS**
M: to
RM: to

3 F Ruth Lorrain **STEPHENS**
B: 26 Apr 1921
M: to Mr. BUTCHER
D: 27 Apr 1973 @ Akron,OH

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HUSBAND: Joseph H. DONNELLY
B: 30 Jun 1878 @ Ritchie Co (?),WV
M: 24 Feb 1903 @ Ritchie Co,WV
D: 22 Apr 1951 @ Cairo,Ritchie Co,WV
FATHER: Daniel DONNELLY (b.in Ireland)
MOTHER: Rachel R. DONNELLY

WIFE: 16(7) **Essie Delrie STEPHENS**
B: 08 Sep 1881 @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 05 Oct 1969 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 16. John Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 17. Mary Ellen WEEKLEY

CHILDREN

1 F Mary DONNELLY (adopted)
M: to William JOHNSON

SECTION 4.
FAMILY GROUP SHEETS FOR MATERNAL LINES

HUSBAND: 34. **Otho WEEKLEY**
B: ca 1810 @ Tyler Co.,WV
M: 04 Oct 1832 @ Ohio Co.,WV
D: 08 Jul 1865 @ Ripley,Tyler Co,WV
FATHER: 68. **Thomas WEEKLEY Jr.**
MOTHER: 69. **Mary -?-**

WIFE: 35. **Elizabeth KEMP**
B: ca 1813 @ Delaware
D: 29 Dec 1878 @ Tyler Co.,WV

CHILDREN

1 M Levi D. WEEKLEY
B: 12 Jul 1833 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 08 May 1856 to Nancy FORESTER @ Boohers Mills,Tyler Co,WV
D: 28 Apr 1913 @ Wetzel Co,WV

2 M William W. WEEKLEY
B: 17 Oct 1835 @ Muddy Creek,Tyler Co,WV
M: 01 Apr 1862 to Ruth ANDERSON @ Frew,Tyler Co,WV
D: 16 Mar 1917 @ Tyler Co,WV

3 M Elmore W. WEEKLEY
B: 19 Sep 1837 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 11 Jun 1868 to Minerva SMITH @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 20 Feb 1898 @ Tyler Co,WV

4 M George Washington WEEKLEY
B: 04 May 1839 @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 24 Sep 1864 @ U.S. Gen.Hosp.,Baltimore,MD

5 F Rachel Jane WEEKLEY
B: 29 Aug 1841 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 17 Sep 1857 to John GORBY @ Tyler Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 08 Oct 1868 to Samuel ELDER @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 27 Jan 1920 @ Tyler Co,WV

6 M Francis Marion WEEKLEY
B: 19 Feb 1847 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 19 Jan 1868 to Louisa BAKER @ Muddy Creek,Tyler Co,WV
D: 06 Jul 1916 @ Middlebourne,Tyler Co,WV

7 F 34(7)17 **Mary Ellen WEEKLEY**
B: 14 Feb 1851 @ Ellsworth Dist,Tyler Co,WV
M: 08 Oct 1868 to 16. **John Francis STEPHENS** @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 09 Feb 1927 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

HUSBAND: 68. **Thomas WEEKLEY Jr.**
B: 21 Jan 1785 @ Washington Co (now Greene),PA
M: ca 1808
D: 1834 @ Tyler Co.,WV
FATHER: 136. **Thomas WEEKLEY Sr.**
MOTHER: 137. **Rachel -?-**

WIFE: 69. **Mary -?-**
B: ca 1785 @ PA
D: after 1850 @

CHILDREN

1 M 68(1)34 **Otho WEEKLEY**
B: ca 1810 @ Tyler Co.,WV
M: 04 Oct 1832 to 35. **Elizabeth KEMP** @ Ohio Co.,WV
D: 08 Jul 1865 @ Ripley,Tyler Co,WV

2 M Thomas WEEKLEY III
B: 1812/15 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 01 Jan 1846 to Christina ROBERTS @ Tyler Co,WV
D: 13 Dec 1876 @ Tyler Co,WV

3 M Levi M. WEEKLEY
B: 17 Aug 1814 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: to Mary Jane
D: 27 Dec 1887 @ Tyler Co,WV

4 M James WEEKLEY
B: ca 1820 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 20 Nov 1832 to Mary ASH @ Tyler Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: ca 1844 to Sarah

5 F Mary WEEKLEY
B: ca 1816 @ Tyler Co,WV

6 F Charlotte WEEKLEY
B: ca 1819 @ Tyler Co,WV

7 F Michal L. WEEKLEY
B: ca 1821 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: 17 Aug 1842 to David WHITE @ Tyler Co,WV (Widowed)

8 F infant WEEKLEY (dau)
B: 1826 @ Tyler Co,WV
Single
D: 1832 @ Tyler Co,WV

HUSBAND: 136. **Thomas WEEKLEY Sr.**
B: ca. 1754/56 @ Fredericktown,Frederick Co,MD
M:
D: 27 Nov 1843 @ Tyler Co.,WV
FATHER: **James(?) WEEKLEY**
MOTHER: **Sarah(?)**

WIFE: 137. **Rachel -?-**
B: ca. 1754 @ PA or MD
D: 24 Jul 1842 @ Tyler Co.,WV

CHILDREN

1 M 136(1)68 **Thomas WEEKLEY Jr.**
B: 21 Jan 1785 @ Washington Co (now Greene),PA
M: ca 1808 to 69. **Mary -?-**
D: 1834 @ Tyler Co.,WV

2 M James WEEKLEY
B: 17 Jun 1784 @ Washington Co,PA
M: to Jane
D: 16 May 1865 @ Tyler Co,WV

3 M Richard WEEKLEY
B: 1786/87 @ Washington Co,PA
M: ca 1807 to Prudence WOOD
D: 1848 @ Tyler Co,WV

4 M John WEEKLEY
B: 24 Feb 1790 @ Washington Co,PA
M: June 1814 to Miss GATRELL (Widowed)
RM: 1825 to Sarah Ann GARRETT (Widowed)
D: 05 Jul 1878 @ Ritchie Co,WV

5 M Levi WEEKLEY
B: 11 Dec 1794 @ Washington Co,PA
M: ca 1818 to Mary (Polly) Jane BATES
D: 17 Apr 1834 @ Tyler Co,WV

6 F Sarah WEEKLEY
B: 26 Jun 1792 @ Washington Co,PA
M: ca 1816 to Edward BAKER
D: @ Tyler Co,WV ??

7 F Mary WEEKLEY
B: 11 Dec 1797 @ Muddy Creek,Greene Co,PA
M: ca 1826 to Robert ANDERSON
D: 12 Mar 1875 @ Muddy Creek,Tyler Co,WV

8 M Samuel WEEKLEY
B: 1801 @ Tyler Co,WV
M: by 1824 to Lavinia DAVIS
D: after 1870 @ Wetzel Co,WV, Green Twp

Marvin Francis Stephens (1889-1978)
Laura Mae Moore (1890-1968)
Married 1910
left picture, 1910; right picture 1960

Marvin Stephens Family (ca. 1953)
L-R: Cecil, Ruby, John, Ruth, Clara, Pearl,
George, Martha, Edith, Marvin, Laura, Bernice

CHAPTER V.

MARVIN FRANCIS STEPHENS (1889-1978)

and

LAURA MAE MOORE (1890-1968)

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Marvin Francis STEPHENS

FATHER: John Francis STEPHENS
MOTHER: Mary Ellen WEEKLEY
BORN: 07 Sep 1889
  AT: Middlebourne, Tyler Co., WV
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 2
MARRIED TO: Laura Mae MOORE
  ON: 30 Jan 1910
  AT: Wood Co,WV
  STATUS: Widowed
ReMARRIED TO: Mabel C. CORDRAY
  ON: Sep 1970
  AT: Wood Co,WV
  STATUS: Married
DIED ON: 22 Sep 1978
  AT: WALKER, WOOD CO., WV
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 11
1) Edith Virginia STEPHENS
2) Bernice Olive STEPHENS
3) Cecil Francis STEPHENS
4) Clara Mae STEPHENS
5) Joseph Charles STEPHENS
6) Naomi Pearl STEPHENS
7) Carrie Martha STEPHENS
8) Ruth Delarie STEPHENS
9) George Irvin STEPHENS
10) Ruby Louise STEPHENS
11) John Robert STEPHENS
Burial Date: 25 Sep 1978
Burial Place: Mt. Carmel Cem.,Walker,WV
Occupation: FARMER, COAL MINER

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CHAPTER V. MARVIN FRANCIS & LAURA MAE (MOORE) STEPHENS

SECTION 1.

8. Marvin Francis Stephens (1889-1978)
9. Laura Mae Moore (1890-1968)

Marvin Francis **STEPHENS** was born[1] in Frew, Ellsworth District, Tyler County, West Virginia, on Saturday, 7 September 1889, the eleventh child of 16. John Francis **STEPHENS** and 17. Mary Ellen Weekley.. Marvin was married[2] by the Rev. Gainer to Laura Mae Moore at the home of her parents in Walker, Wood County, West Virginia on Sunday, 30 January 1910. The wedding was witnessed[3] by Marvin's sisters, Alice and Minnie. Laura Mae was born[4] in Walker on Wednesday, 1 October 1890, the daughter of 18. Robert Cummings Moore, and 19. Margaret Cordelia Murry. Laura Mae was known as Mae to her family and friends.

Marvin and Mae were the parents of eleven children, one of whom died in infancy, 8(1) Edith Virginia, 8(2) Bernice Olive, 8(3)4 Cecil Francis, 8(4) Clara Mae, 8(5) Joseph Charles, 8(6) Naomi Pearl, 8(7) Carrie Martha, 8(8) Ruth Delarie, 8(9) George Irvin, 8(10) Ruby Louise, and 8(11) John Robert. Marvin and Mae lived[5] at 643 Harris Street, Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia when they were first married. Their first child, Edith was born in Parkersburg. Shortly after the birth of Edith, Marvin and his family moved back on Lick Run to live with his parents and help run the family farm. The remaining children were born on Lick Run. Joseph Charles **STEPHENS** died at age 14 months of pneumonia.[6]

Laura Mae died[7] at age 78, after a long illness, at Camden Clark Hospital, Parkersburg, WV, on 15 October 1968. After Mae's death, Marvin married Mabel Cordray **STEPHENS**, the widow of William **STEPHENS** (1891-1957), a distant cousin of Marvin's. William is the son of George Washington and Anna Belle (McPherson) **STEPHENS**. Marvin & Mabel were married in Wood County in September 1970. Marvin died[8] at his home in Walker, Wood

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1. Tyler County, WV, Birth Records, Register of Births Book 2-A, page 72.

2. Wood County, WV, Marriage records, Book 18, page 173.

3. Original marriage certificate in possession of Martha (Stephens) Johnson.

4. Wood County, West Virginia, birth records, Birth Record Book 1, page 349.

5. Wood Co., WV 1910 Census on microfilm, Parkersburg Dist, family #53.

6. West Virginia State Dept. of Health, Death Certificate #305 for the death of Joseph Charles Stephens.

7. Wood County, WV, death records, Death Record Book 12, page 138.

8. Wood County, WV, death records, Death Record Book 14, page 455.

County, WV, on 22 September 1978 at the age of 89 years. Both Marvin and Laura Mae are buried[1] in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Walker, Wood County, WV, next to the graves of their son Joseph and Marvin's parents, John Francis and Mary Ellen (Weekley) **STEPHENS**.

CENSUS RECORDS

Marvin is listed at age 10 with his parents on the 1900 census[2] of Wood County, West Virginia. Laura Mae Moore is listed at age 9 with her parents on the 1900 census[3] of Ritchie County, WV. Actually the **STEPHENS** and Moore families were near neighbors because the county line between Wood, Ritchie, & Wirt Counties is very close to the **STEPHENS** farm. Marvin and Laura Mae are found as newlyweds listed on the 1910 Wood County, WV census,[4] Parkersburg District. Marvin is listed as a railroad worker on the census.

THE MOORE FAMILY

The parents of Laura Mae, Robert Cummings Moore[5] and Margaret Cordelia Murry, were married 5 April 1871 at Weston, Lewis County, West Virginia, by Rev. F. M. Hughes. Robert, the son of 36. John J. Moore and 37. Elizabeth R. Bragg, was born[6] 7 November 1846 near Natural Bridge, Rockbridge County, Virginia. John Moore and his family moved from Rockbridge County to Lewis County, (West) Virginia about 1847, shortly after Robert was born. Robert died[7] 23 October 1927 in Chester, Hancock Co., WV, and is buried in the Freeport Cemetery, Freeport, Wirt Co., WV. John J. Moore was born ca. 1809 in Virginia, probably Albemarle County, and died in April 1870 in Lewis County, WV. Elizabeth R. (Bragg) Moore was born ca. 1812 in Virginia, also probably Albemarle County, and died 1870/80 in Lewis County. John J. Moore and Elizabeth R. Bragg were married[8] 13 March 1833, in Albemarle County, VA. It is almost certain that John J. is the son of 72. Benjamin Moore, Jr., and 73. Susanna Burton;

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1. West Augusta Historical & Genealogical Society, Tombstone Readings of Wood Co., WV(Parkersburg, WV: Wes Cochran, 1970's).

2. Wood Co., WV 1900 census of Walker Dist., family # 77.

3. Ritchie County, WV, Grant District, 1900 census, page #75.

4. Wood County, WV, 1910 census.

5. Helen Flesher Bendemann, Flesher & Related Families (Parkersburg, WV: author, 1984).

6. Hancock County, WV, death records, Vol. 3, page 43.

7. Ibid.

8. Albemarle County, Virginia Marriage Bond, dated 11 March 1833.

however, no definite proof of such is known.[1] Benjamin Moore, Jr., was born about 1778 in New Jersey, the son of 144. Benjamin Moore, Sr., and 145. Martha, surname unknown. Benjamin, Jr. died in 1843 in Albemarle Co., VA. Benjamin Moore, Sr., was born ca. 1750 in Essex County, New Jersey, and moved to Albemarle County, Virginia about 1792, where he died in 1827. Martha was born 1773/84, and died by 1830 in Albemarle County.[2]

Robert's brother, William Henry Moore[3] served in the Civil War in Co. I, 3rd WV Cavalry. This author has in his possession a Civil War Medal minted for William H. Moore that was commissioned by the state of West Virginia after the Civil War for the veterans of that state. Three of Robert's brothers-in-law, Robert Pindle Flesher,[4] William H. Bragg,[5] and Henry C. Hall,[6] also served in the Civil War. Robert's brother Jeremiah B. (Jerry) Moore served in the Home Guards.

THE MURRY FAMILY

Margaret Cordelia (Murry) Moore was born[7] 15 December 1846 in Lewis County, West Virginia, the daughter of 38. John Murry, and 39. Virginia Jane, surname unknown. Margaret died[8] 22 January 1916 in Chester, Hancock Co., WV, and is buried in the Freeport Cemetery, Freeport, Wirt Co., WV. The ancestry of John and Jane Murry is not known, but John was born ca. 1802 and Jane about 1802, both in Virginia. They were married by 1828 and had children born in Goochland and Augusta Counties, Virginia, and in Randolph and Lewis Counties, (West) Virginia. John died 5 August 1854 in Lewis County, and Jane died 1864/65 in Racine, Meigs County, OH. Two of Margaret's brothers[9] were killed on the same day, 9 May 1864, during the Civil War. After Jane was widowed,

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1. The marriage bond for John J. Moore was signed by this Benjamin Moore. Benjamin also attested to the age of Elizabeth Bragg.

2. Arthur Clayton Moore, Moore Family (Hudson, OH: author, 1982), page 65.

3. Civil War Pension files, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

4. National Archives Pension Files. Robert was a member of Co. F, 1 st WV Cav., Union.

5. National Archives Pension Files. William was a member of Co. B, 3rd WV Inf; also Co. E, 3rd WV Cav., Union.

6. National Archives Pension Files. Henry was a member of Co. D, 14 th WV Inf., Union.

7. Birth & death dates from tombstone, Freeport Cem., Freeport, WV.

8. Ibid.

9. John C. and Henry F. Murry were both members of Co. B, 9th WV Inf. Both were killed during the battle of Cloyd's Mt., VA.

she applied for a pension[1] based on the death of her sons. However, she died before a pension could be granted.[2] A brother-in-law of Margaret's, Thomas Jefferson Board,[3] also served in the Civil War.

THE EARLY YEARS

Marvin started to school soon after moving to Wood County with his parents. Both Marvin and his future wife, Laura Mae Moore, attended the old Rocky Knob School at Walker, not far from the house in which he died. Mae received[4] a card from her teacher, Bessie Sprout, which was entitled "Reward of Merit, A Testimonial of Approbation Awarded to Mae Moore For Punctual Attendance, Correct Deportment, and Diligent Attention to Studies." Marvin and Laura Mae both completed the sixth grade, which was the highest grade taught at the Rocky Knob School.

Marvin was working as a brakeman on the railroad when he was married.[5] During the years 1908-1910, preceding his marriage, he sent many postcards[6] to his fiancee from many locations in West Virginia. He usually signed the cards with his initials in reverse order, i.e., "your Friend, S.F.M." After his marriage, Marvin worked at whatever job he could obtain with the railroad, construction jobs, farming, or common labor. Very often, Marvin was forced to live away from home during the week and was able to be home only on Sundays.

A few years after their marriage, Marvin and Mae moved back to Lick Run to help take care of Marvin's parents and run the family farm. John F. and Mary Ellen **STEPHENS** deeded[7] their farm to son Marvin and his wife Mae, on 12 November 1926. After Marvin moved his family back to the Lick Run farm, he, among other things, in the late 1920's, grew strawberries and raspberries to sell on the market. Marvin paid neighborhood children, as well as his own children, a few cents a quart for picking the berries that he sold in Parkersburg. In the 1930's when employment was very difficult to obtain, some of the neighbors also helped to pick the berries. Nellie and Carl Beha helped to pick the berries. Nellie would place her baby, Denver, on a blanket in the shade, and all the children would help to

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1. Civil War Pension files, National Archives, Washington, D.C. Listed under the names of John C. & Henry F. Murry.

2. See also, Probate records for estate of John C. Murry, Probate Court, Meigs County, OH, Case File No. 881, dated 28 January 1865.

3. Military Records, National Archives, Washington, D.C. Thomas served as a member of Co. F, 11 th WV Inf., union.

4. Reward of Merit card for Mae Moore, undated, in possession of author.

5. Wood County, WV, 1910 census.

6. Postcards in possession of Martha (Stephens) Johnson and this author.

7. Wood County, West Virginia, Deed Book 199, page 68.

care for the child. Marvin first became interested in raising berries after a neighbor on an adjoining farm, a Frenchman by the name of Mr. Beaudrie, grew and marketed berries for several years. Marvin's children, Bernice, Cecil and Clara picked berries for Mr. Beaudrie, and Marvin took the berries to market for him. The children saved their money in separate piggy banks and spent much time looking at catalogs. Mae placed orders for her children, ordering clothes, etc., for them.

Mae was a good seamstress[1] and made about all the girls' clothes except shoes and stockings. She also made a lot of the boys' shirts. In addition, she made her own sheets, pillow cases, and quilts. Ready made clothes where a real luxury, and the family could not afford many such luxuries. Clothes had to be washed on a washboard and dried outside on lines, or around the fire in the winter. The older girls would stay home from school on wash days to help with the washing.

After the horse called Charlie, which had belonged to Marvin's father, died as a result of an accident, Marvin acquired another horse named Fritz, which he still owned when he moved to Harrison County, WV.

Much time and hard work was required to preserve the fruit and vegetables grown on the farm. A lot of jam and jellies was made from the strawberries, raspberries, and wild blackberries found on the farm. Large quantities of apple butter was made from the apples grown on the farm. Chickens, ducks, geese, and pigs were butchered to supply the family with meat.

Most of the children were only able to attend school through the eighth grade since it was very difficult for them to get to Parkersburg, 20 miles away, to attend a high school. Martha was the first of the children to go past the eighth grade; she completed the ninth grade at Parkersburg High School. Edith, Bernice and Cecil started to school at Rocky Knob, the same school that Marvin and Mae attended earlier. Later, a new school was built at Mt. Carmel, and the children attended school there. Clara was the last to complete the 8th grade at Mt. Carmel before the building was torn down and rebuilt at Walker. Pearl, Ruth and Martha completed the 8th grade at Walker School. The younger children, George, Ruby and John attended a school at Lick Run until Marvin and family moved to Haywood in the early 1940's. George, Ruby and John completed their education at Haywood.[2]

Life on the farm required that every member of the family do his share of the work. Since Cecil was the only "older boy," the older girls had to help with the outside work, working in the gardens, milking the cows, harvesting hay, feeding the pigs and chickens, etc. Of course, there was always wood and water to be carried to the house and kerosene lamps to be filled. Earning a living on the farm required good management, a lot of hard work, love and the cooperation of every member of the extended family. It was a Spartan life without many extras. However, the **STEPHENS** family felt that they had more than most of their neighbors and were not really aware of how people

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1. Personal communication from Martha (Stephens) Johnson dated January, 1989.

2. Personal communication from Martha (Stephens) Johnson dated January, 1989.

outside of the community lived. They felt very lucky for all they had.

All the children worked outside of the farm when they were old enough to do so and could obtain jobs. Edith went to work at age 16 in 1927 with the American Viscose Plant in Parkersburg when it first opened. Both Bernice and Clara started working at the Viscose plant when they reached age 16. Most of the girls did house work for various families before obtaining better paying employment. Pearl worked in restaurants. Martha and Ruth were eventually able to obtain employment with the Union Insulating Plant in 1942. Martha worked there until 1946, leaving after she was married and had a baby. Ruth worked there until the job was terminated, at which time she went into retail sales. Cecil, before he was married, worked on road construction, railroad work, or whatever was available. George eventually obtained employment with the Viscose plant and worked there several years. Ruby worked at retail sales in Clarksburg until she married and moved to Virginia.

Marvin was living at Walker and working for the Keeley Construction Co. when he applied for a Social Security Card[1] on 18 June 1937.

Marvin was already the father of four children when he registered for the World War I draft[2] on 5 June, 1917. He registered at Precinct 2, Walker, WV, and was listed as Order #44, serial #2793. He was not called to active duty during the war.

The first automobile Marvin owned was a 1921 Model T Ford. He had never driven an automobile before he purchased the car. The salesman drove the car part of the way from Parkersburg to Walker and taught Marvin how to drive. A few miles out of Parkersburg, the salesman turned the car over to Marvin and returned to Parkersburg in an escort car. Marvin, his brother-in-law, Henry Ware, and another neighbor each purchased a Model-T at a special price of $300 each. Marvin told[3] how he had to turn the Model T around and back up hills when the gasoline level became low. The gasoline flowed by gravity from the gasoline tank in the car to the motor, thus when going forward up the steep hills around Wood County, the gasoline supply was restricted. The dirt roads were bad in the Walker, Lick Run area, during the winters. It was difficult to drive a car, even a Model T, most of the time. Therefore, the family had to walk about everywhere, including to school, to church, to the grocery store, and often to their place of employment. The automobiles Marvin later owned included a 1930 or 1931 Oldsmobile, 1937 and 1938 Chevrolets, 1951 Dodge, a Ford

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1. Social Security Card Application, Dept. of Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration, Office of Central Records Operations, Baltimore, MD. Marvin was issued #234-18-1661.

2. WWI Draft Registration application. National Archives and Records Service, Archives Branch, FARC, East Point, Georgia.

3. Personal communication with the author.

Falcon, and a 1957 Nash Rambler. Marvin drove until the summer of 1977, a year before his death.

LEAVING THE LICK RUN FARM

In late 1941 or early 1942, at the beginning of World War II, Marvin moved his family and their Eskimo Spitz dog named Teddy to Haywood, Harrison County, West Virginia and began working in the coal mines. He worked for several different mining companies and later moved across the river from Haywood to Lumberport, WV. He "shot coal" by drilling holes in the coal, inserting dynamite, and exploding the dynamite to break up the coal so it could be moved out of the mine. Once, Marvin was not feeling well, and Mae insisted that he not report to work. That night, during the shift that Marvin would have been working, the mine exploded, killing several men.

Marvin was a member of the United Mine Workers of America, and served as Secretary/Treasurer of his local for several years.

On the evening of Friday, 23 June 1944, while living in Haywood, Marvin and Mae sat on their porch and watched[1] a monstrous tornado roar across the nearby town of Shinnston with much destruction and the loss of many lives. This author remembers visiting his grandparents and seeing the damage created by the tornado.

Marvin and Mae always planned to return to Walker when Marvin retired from the mines. However, the Lick Run farm was in an area that was isolated, not on the main road through Walker, and difficult to reach by automobile. Therefore, Marvin and Mae decided to build a new home in Walker. To this end, they purchased a six acre farm[2] in November, 1945, on Rocky Knob, Walker, Wood Co., WV, from Mrs. Vernie Race. They started building a house during vacations with the help of Marvin's brother-in-law, Henry Ware. Marvin and Mae stayed with their son Cecil when visiting in Walker. This author remembers the visits of his grandparents as very happy occasions. They very often brought small gifts for their grandchildren when they visited.

While employed by Catherine Mines in about 1947, Marvin had his foot badly crushed by coal and was on disability leave for quite some time. Marvin eventually went back to work in the mine for a short time after the foot healed. However, he soon retired on disability, as his foot was too crippled to allow him to do much work in the mines.

MOVING BACK TO WALKER, WV

After retiring from the mines on disability, Marvin and Mae moved back to Walker in 1949 to live in their partially finished house. They soon completed their house and cleared several acres of land. Marvin planted several fruit trees, and Mae planted many flowering shrubs and several flower beds.

Mae grew many beautiful flowers and worked with them until

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1. Personal communication by Marvin F. Stephens with author.

2. Wood County, WV, Deeds, Deed Book 279, page 40, 1 November 1945.

the last few years of her life. She even crawled up the short grades to reach and work with her flowers when she was too weak to walk. She also always had dozens of potted plants in which she took great pride.

Marvin planted many strawberries and raspberries and sold great quantities of the berries. As he did in earlier years, he paid the neighborhood children, including this author, a few cents a quart to pick the berries. He also tried his luck at raising Capons for the market, but did not have much success in this endeavor. He raised rabbits for quite sometime.

Once when walking through his field of strawberries, returning from squirrel hunting in 1965, Marvin killed a Wild Cat.[1] An excerpt of a newspaper article about the Wild Cat is included later in this chapter.

Marvin built a large arbor in his backyard and covered it with Morning Glory vines. This arbor was a very beautiful, shady spot for several years. He also grew beautiful roses and dahlias on the hill sides around his home.

Cecil **STEPHENS** built a grocery store, **STEPHENS** Grocery, which he owned and operated across the road from Marvin's home. Marvin spent a lot of time for several years working in the store. Marvin especially enjoyed meeting and talking with people, so the grocery store business was something he very much enjoyed.

After Marvin and Mae moved back to Walker, a **STEPHENS** family reunion was held each summer at their home. The reunion always attracted a large gathering of family and friends. Huge quantities of varied delicious food was always available and much enjoyed by the reunion participants. After Marvin's death, the reunion tradition has been continued each year at the **STEPHENS** home place by John and Martha (**STEPHENS**) Johnson.

A special family reunion[2] was held in 1951 or 1952 to celebrate the return of John Robert **STEPHENS** from Korea. Both John and his brother George served in the Korean War.

Marvin especially liked to hunt and spent much time each fall and winter hunting rabbits, squirrels and deer. Marvin had always hoped to kill a deer, but he never did so. Once he did have a deer down, but while he was standing over the deer, it jumped up and ran away! After he was no longer able to hunt, he gave his deer rifle to his great-grandson, Christopher Conrad, son of Wilma, daughter of Cecil.

Marvin sold his farm on Lick Run to his daughter Martha (**STEPHENS**) Johnson, and her husband John, in 1952 or 1953. In May 1959, John and Martha sold the farm to the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company.

MISCELLANEOUS

Marvin started a tradition of giving each of his grandchildren a silver dollar when they were born. He continued this tradition with his great-grandchildren until his death.

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1. "Hunting Season has Oddities," The Parkersburg News, ca 1965.

2. "Stephens Entertain at Family Reunion," The Parkersburg News, ca. 1951/52.

Marvin and Mae were both Republicans all their lives. Marvin always drove voters to the polls on election days and was active in Republican politics. For many years, Marvin worked as a deputy assessor in Wood County.

Whenever groups of local residents of the Walker community were petitioning various public or state agencies for services, Marvin was always in the forefront and was very often the leader of such groups. Marvin was instrumental in obtaining electricity for the community, and fought for many years to obtain telephone service. In addition, he led many a delegation of citizens meeting with the West Virginia State Road Commission in requesting that the Walker road be upgraded and paved.

Both Marvin and Mae were life long members of Mt. Carmel Church, which they had help build. Marvin was a trustee of the Church for many years, and was always a devoted worker for the Church. However, in later years, a split developed in the Mt. Carmel Church and Marvin moved his membership to Walker Church where he was a member when he died. Both Churches were formerly United Brethren, later becoming Evangelical United Brethren (EUB), and finally becoming United Methodist. Much information concerning Mt. Carmel Church is included in Chapter Three of this book. Marvin, his brother-in-law, Henry Ware, and Lonzo Hewitt, were trustees[1] of the Walker U.B. Church in Christ, when they deeded the church to new trustees and the church became the Beulah Presbyterian Church, 9 October 1929. Both Marvin and Mae were great fans of the Rev. Billy Graham. They always listened to the Billy Graham radio program from the time the program first started. In later years they enjoyed the Billy Graham television programs.

Marvin was a kind, gentle, very gregarious man. He was always ready to help a neighbor when he thought they needed help. He would take groceries to people who needed help, and transport people to Parkersburg to see physicians, etc. Mae was more introverted, but also a very kind, sweet woman, very devoted to her husband and family.

Mae, in addition to her flowers, enjoyed sewing and quilting. She had a quilting frame installed on the second floor and used the frame to complete many quilts. She also was an avid reader. She read hundreds of books, her favorite author being Grace Livingston Hill. Mae collected salt and pepper shakers, and had hundreds on shelves in her dining room. Family and friends collected salt and pepper shakers from all over the world for Mae. She was famous for her molasses and lemon cookies. One could always smell her molasses cookies when entering the house, as she always had a well-stocked cookie jar. This author also remembers the delicious boiled apple dumplings which she made often.

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1. Loraine Metz, They Came Here(Parkersburg, WV: author, 1984), page 11.

THE LAST YEARS

Marvin and Mae celebrated[1] their Golden Wedding (50 th.) Anniversary at their residence in January, 1960.

Mae was a near invalid for many years, suffering from acute arteriosclerosis, among other things. She was not able to much more than sit in her chair and read for the last few years of her life. Marvin did most of the "house work" and cooking for the last several years before Mae died. Mae died[2] 15 October 1968 in Camden Clark Hospital, Parkersburg, WV. Her will[3] was probated on 21 October 1968.

After the death of Mae, Marvin continued to be active working in his garden. He wrote many letters to members of his family and friends. In 1969, he took his first airplane ride with a trip to Denver, Colorado, for a long visit with his children, George, Pearl, Ruby, and their families. This was his first trip West and he talked very fondly about the visit for the rest of his life. He was very lonely, however, after the death of Mae and had a difficult time coping with living alone. Marvin wrote in a 1969 letter[4] to this author about his difficulty. "I sure have put in a lot of lonesome days here since Mom passed away, but I just try to make the best (of) it, as so many people has to go through the same thing as I have, so now I know how to feel for them as never before." In September 1970, Marvin married Mabel (Cordray) **STEPHENS**, the widow of William **STEPHENS**. Mabel and William had lived in Walker for many years.

In July 1970, Marvin deeded[5] his house and farm to his daughter and son-in-law, Martha and John Johnson, as a gift. John and Martha had lived across the road from Marvin and Laura Mae and had taken care of them for many years.

Marvin always walked with a limp after his mining accident, and his foot would swell badly and cause him a lot of pain. He suffered with a heart problem and was an invalid for the last few months of his life. He died[6] at his home in Walker, attended by his wife Mabel and his daughter Martha, on 22 September 1978. His will[7] was dated 13 January 1971, and probated 26 September 1978.

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1. "Golden Wedding to be Observed" and "To Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary," articles appearing in The Parkersburg News, January, 1960.

2. Obituary for Mrs. Laura Stephens, The Parkersburg News, 16 October 1968.

3. Wood County, WV, Wills, Book ___, page ___, probated 21 October 1968.

4. Personal communication, letter from Marvin to this author dated 26 Feb. 1969.

5. Wood County, WV, Deeds, Book 578, Page 2123, 27 July 1970.

6. Obituary for Marvin F. Stephens, The Parkersburg News, 23 Sept. 1978.

7. Wood County, West Virginia Wills, Book 63, page 771.

Section 2.
Miscellaneous Documents

THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV
23 SEPTEMBER 1978

Obituary
MARVIN F. STEPHENS

Marvin Francis **STEPHENS**, 89, of Route 2, Walker, died Friday morning after a long illness.

He was born in Tyler County, a son of the late John S.(sic) and Mary Weekley **STEPHENS**. He was a retired Catherine Coal Co. miner and a retired farmer. He was a member of the Walker United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel Cordray **STEPHENS**; two sons, George of Carbondale, Colo., and John R., of Cleveland, Ohio; six daughters, Mrs. Edith Harris and Mrs. Ruth Frey, of Parkersburg, Mrs. Clara Cantwell, of Vienna, Mrs. Pearl Gray and Mrs Ruby Hyles, of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Martha Johnson, of Walker; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Naomi Deem, of Waverly; 27 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild, five step grandchildren, and six step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Laura Mae Moore **STEPHENS**; two sons; a daughter; three brothers and seven sisters.

Friends may call at the Vaughan Funeral Home after 7 p.m. Saturday where the funeral will be held Monday. Burial will be in the Mount Olivet(sic) Cemetery at Walker.

(Note: Marvin's father was John F. **STEPHENS**, not John S.; Marvin was buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery at Walker, not Mt. Olivet.)

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV
16 OCTOBER 1968

Obituary
Mrs. Laura Stephens

Rites will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the Shaver and Son Funeral Home for Mrs. Laura Mae **STEPHENS**, 78, of Walker, Rt. 3, who died Tuesday in Camden Clark Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

The Rev. Parker Hinzman and the Rev. Joseph Life will officiate with burial to be in Mt. Carmel cemetery at Walker.

Born at Walker, she was a daughter of the late Robert C. and Margaret Murray Moore. She was a life-long member of the Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin F. **STEPHENS**; seven daughters, Mrs. Edith Harris of Marietta, Mrs. W. R. (Bernice) Johnson of Washington, Wood County, Mrs. J. R. (Clara) Cantwell of Vienna, Mrs. Samuel (Pearl) Grey and Mrs. J. (Ruby) Varnado, both of Denver Colo., Mrs. John (Martha) Johnson of Walker, and Mrs. Morton (Ruth) Frey, Jr., of Elizabeth; two sons, George **STEPHENS** of Aspen, Colo., and John **STEPHENS** of Cleveland, O.; 26 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Friends may call at the funeral home.

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
CA. 1951/52

STEPHENS ENTERTAIN AT FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. **STEPHENS**, Walker, to honor their son, Cpl. John R. **STEPHENS**.

Cpl. **STEPHENS** has returned to the states after serving two and one-half years in the U.S. Army. He spent the greater part of the time with the Army of Occupation in Japan, and has been on active duty in Korea for the last few months.

A picnic dinner was served at noon and an informal time was held in the afternoon.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. M. F. **STEPHENS**, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil **STEPHENS**, Billy, Jimmy, Wilma, and Norma Jean; Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Mrs. Cecil Harris, Cecil Harris, Mrs. Jean Kalebaugh, Mary McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gray, Joe and Linda; Miss Ruth **STEPHENS**, Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, Betty and Patty; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cantwell, Ann, Barbara, and Jeffrey; Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton, Washington, D.C., Mr. H. D. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilcox, and Cpl. John R. **STEPHENS**, the honoree.

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV
January, 1960

GOLDEN WEDDING TO BE OBSERVED

Open house will be held by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin **STEPHENS** of Walker this Sunday, in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call at the **STEPHENS** residence between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. **STEPHENS** were married Jan. 31, 1910 at Walker. They are the parents of eleven children, ten of which are living. They are: Cecil **STEPHENS**, Walker; Johnny **STEPHENS**, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Edith Harris, Mrs. Bernice Johnson, Mrs. Pearl Gray and Mrs. Ruth Frey all of Parkersburg. Mrs. Martha Johnson, Walker and Mrs. Ruby Hamilton of Washington, D.C.

Mrs. **STEPHENS** is the former Laura Mae Moore, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore and her husband is the son of the late John and Mary **STEPHENS**, all of Walker.

Mr. **STEPHENS** retired from the coal mines of the State where he was employed for many years.

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TO OBSERVE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin **STEPHENS** of Walker will observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday, Jan. 31. Open house from 2 until 4 p.m. will be held at their residence.

Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend the festivities.

Mr. **STEPHENS** is the former Laura Mae Moore, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore of Walker. Mr. **STEPHENS** is the son of the late John and Mary **STEPHENS**, also of Walker.

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Letter Written by Marvin Francis Stephens
26 February 1969

The following letter was written by M.F. **STEPHENS**, Route #3, Walker, W.Va. 26180, and mailed to Mr. James **STEPHENS**, Apt. O 2, 3700 Sutherland Ave., Knoxville, Tenn 37919. Postmark is 27 Feb. 1969.

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Dear Jim and Nancy

I recd your letter and was sure glad to (hear) from you and to hear you are ready to take over a real big job in NC. We are all real proud of you that you have come so far as to have (a) PhD degree. We know it was a long hard pull for you, but, you have something no one can take away from you and only hope you keep your health so you can go forward from now on.

We are also glad Nancy has done so well as to have a Master's Degree so it looks as you have something above what most people never get to in this world.

Well, I am not to well this winter. I have just stayed in house most of the time as it has rained so much and wet weather is very hard on me as by trouble has kept me feeling pretty bad. I still have emphysema, and it almost gets me down sometimes. I have stayed by self most of the time as it is hard to get anybody now days as everybody is so busy.

Bill and his wife was out to see me last Sunday a week ago. His wife seems real nice to me and I sure hope they make a real go of it and I believe they will.

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Well, everybody here is well at present time and all just glad winter is about over.

I hope to do a lot of visiting this summer if my health will let me do so. I hope to go to Denver for a long visit - as I have always wanted to go out West and now I have a real excuse for going. I sure have put in a lot of lonesome days here since Mom passed away, but I just try to make the best (of) it,as so many people has to go through the same thing as I have, so now I know how to feel for them as never before.

Well, I hope you can read this as I have come to the place I can't hardy use a pen or even think or spell words right anymore, so I will close with my Love and

Very best wishes to you and Nancy when you get in your new home in N.C. and be sure and write again when you can.

Grandpa
By By

(The above letter was written by Marvin F. **STEPHENS** to his grandson, James F. **STEPHENS** (this author) when he, Marvin, was 80 years of age.)

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV
ca. 1965

HUNTING SEASON HAS ODDITIES

The following is an excerpt from an article with the title above. The article discusses several oddities which hunters had reported during the season.

Wild Cat - Marvin **STEPHENS**, Rocky Knob, Walker, R.F.D. came in home from squirrel hunting and literally met this cat on a part close to where there had been a mother grouse and several grouse chicks. The cat was slate gray in color and had a ringed tail. The encyclopedia said it was an old fashioned Wild Cat (two words) and made a distinction between it and the Wildcat or Bobcat and Lynx.

(A picture of Marvin holding the cat was included in the article and the caption is listed below.)

WILD CAT - Pictured is Marvin **STEPHENS** holding the Wild Cat which he killed near his home on Rocky Knob, Walker, R.F.D. - Picture courtesy of Sgt. Shaver.

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WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA DEEDS
Deed Book 578, Page 174

M. F. STEPHENS TO JOHN L. JOHNSON AND CARRIE M. JOHNSON
Dated 27 July 1970

THIS DEED made and entered into this 27th day of July, 1970, by and between M. F. **STEPHENS**, widower, hereinafter designated party of the first part, and JOHN L. JOHNSON and CARRIE M. JOHNSON, husband and wife, hereinafter designated parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars ($5.00) and other valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, the party of the first part does hereby grant and convey with COVENANTS of GENERAL WARRANTY unto the said parties of the second part for and during the term of their joint lives, and upon the death of either one of them then to the survivor in fee, subject to the reservations and exceptions made herein, all of the following described real estate situate in Walker District, Wood County, West Virginia, reserving to said party of the first part the use and control of said real estate, during his lifetime:

(1) BEGINNING at a point in the center of the County Road, being a northwest corner of 49 acres and 25 poles belonging to Vernie M. Race; thence N. 25 deg. W. 300 feet to a chestnut oak; thence N. 12 1/2 deg. E. 720 feet to a hickory; thence S. 49 deg. E. 120 feet to a stake; thence S. 24 deg. E. 395 feet to a locust; thence S. 8 deg. W. 540 feet to a point in the center of the County Road; thence with the center of said road N. 87 1/2 deg. W. 204 feet to the place of beginning, containing 6 acres, be the same more or less. Excepting 1/5 of the oil and gas in and under said land as reserved by Ethel Reynolds in her deed to Vernie M. Race; and reserving unto the said Vernie M. Race, one-half of the oil and gas in and under said land. And excepting also a tract of land containing approximately 1/10 acre heretofore conveyed to Homer D. Farr by the party of the first part and wife by deed dated October 30, 1959 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Book 438, Page 500.

Being the same real estate conveyed to the party of the first part and Mae **STEPHENS**, his wife, by Vernie M. Race by deed dated November 1, 1945, and recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 279, Page 40.

(2) BEGINNING at a point in the center of the County Road, leading from Volcano to Walker Station, at a corner of the tract of land described in the next preceding paragraph numbered 1; running thence with the line of said **STEPHENS** tract in 6 E. 161 feet to a sourwood; thence S. 59 1/2 E. 168 feet 59 a point in the center of the aforesaid road; thence with the center of said road S. 65 W. 180 feet to the place of beginning, containing 3/10 of an acre, be the same more or less. But there is excepted and reserved unto Ethel Reynolds, an undivided 1/5 interest of the oil and gas in and under said land, as reserved to her in the deed from Ethel Reynolds and others to Vernie Race, dated the 14th day of August, 1942, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Wood County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 270, at Pate 394. Also exception and reserving from this conveyance an undivided 3/10 interest of the oil and gas in

and under said tract of land as excepted and reserved in a deed from Vernie Race to the party of the first part and wife, dated July 30, 1946 and recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 298, Page 9.

Being the same real estate conveyed to the party of the first party and Mae **STEPHENS**, his wife, by said deed of July 30, 1946.

Mae **STEPHENS**, wife of the party of the first part, died testate on October 15, 1968 and by her Last Will and Testament, probated on October 21, 1968, she devised her entire estate unto the party of the first part.

WITNESS the following signature and seal.

M. F. **STEPHENS** <seal>

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
COUNTY OF WOOD, to-wit:

I, George Shedan, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that M. F. **STEPHENS**, widower, whose name is signed to the foregoing Deed bearing date the 27th day of July, 1970, has this day acknowledged the same before me in my said County.

Given under my hand this 31 day of July, 1970.

George Shedan <seal>
Notary Public for Wood County,
West Virginia

My commission Expires:
Nov. 23, 1977

CERTIFICATE OF CONSIDERATION

The total consideration paid for the property conveyed, or the true and actual value of the property transferred, by the document to which this declaration is appended is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, $1750.00.

Given under my hand this 31 day of July, 1970.

M. F. **STEPHENS** <seal>

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF WOOD, TO-WIT:
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT OF WOOD COUNTY.

The foregoing paper writing was this day, August 27, 1970, at 10:36 a.m., presented for record in my office, and thereupon, together with the certificate thereto annexed, is admitted to record

Teste: L. W. Burdette <seal> Clerk.
County Court of Wood County.

WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
Will Book 63, Page 771

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF

MARVIN F. STEPHENS

I, Marvin F. **STEPHENS**, of Wood County, West Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, in the manner and form following, hereby revoking all Wills and Codicils heretofore made by me.

FIRST: I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be pain out of my estate as soon as practicable after the time of my decease.

SECOND: I do hereby give, devise and bequeath all of my property, real, personal and mixed, wheresoever situated, to my wife, Mabel C. **STEPHENS**, absolutely.

THIRD: I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife, Mabel C. **STEPHENS**, Executrix of this, my Last Will and Testament, and direct that the said Executrix shall not give bond. I do hereby authorize and empower my said Executrix, if, and whenever in the settlement of my estate she deems it advisable, at her discretion, to sell my real, personal and mixed property at public or private sale and to execute and deliver all deeds, instruments of transfer or other writings necessary to pass proper title thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal at Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia, this 13th day of January, 1971, in the presence of John S. Cather and Lydia E. Sams, whom I have requested to become attesting witnesses.

Marvin F. **STEPHENS** <seal>

The foregoing instrument, consisting of two typewritten pages, including this page, was subscribed, sealed, published and declared by Marvin F. **STEPHENS**, as and for his Last Will and Testament, in our presence and in the presence of each of us, and we, at the same time, at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, hereunto subscribe our names as attesting witnesses this 13th day of January, 1971.

<signed> John S. Calter, Parkersburg, West Virginia
<signed> Lydia E. Sams, Parkersburg, West Virginia

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES TO THE WILL OF
Marvin F. **STEPHENS**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF WOOD, TO-WIT:

John S. Cather and Lydia E. Sams being first duly sworn say that John S. Cather is a resident of the City of Parkersburg and County of Wood in the State of West Virginia and that Lydia E. Sams is a resident of the City of Parkersburg and County of Wood and State of West Virginia, and affiants say that they, at the request of Marvin F. **STEPHENS**, witnessed the signing and execution of the attached Will by Marvin F. **STEPHENS** on the 13th day of January, 1971; that at the time of the execution of said Will the said Marvin F. **STEPHENS** was of sound mind and disposing memory; that the said Marvin F. **STEPHENS** signed and executed said Will in the presence of affiants; that both of affiants signed as witnesses to said Will in the presence of each other, and in the presence of Marvin F. **STEPHENS**, all of which was done at Parkersburg in the County of Wood and State of West Virginia on the 13th day of January, 1971, and on the aforesaid date, and at the time of the signing of the attached Will by Marvin F. **STEPHENS**, he, Marvin F. **STEPHENS**, declared the same to be his last Will and Testament.

John S. Cather <seal>
Lydia E. Sams <seal>

Sworn to and subscribed before the undersigned authority this the 13th day of January, 1971.

My commission expires September 15, 1977

Lois Kay Albright <seal>
Notary Public in and for Wood
County, West Virginia

Marvin F. **STEPHENS** <seal> Testator

Cather, Renner & Parker
Attorneys at Law
Parkersburg, W. Va.

At a regular session of the County Commission, continued and held for the County of Wood, at the Court House thereof, Tuesday, September 26, 1970, Present, James A. Frittro, President of said Commission, and Marvin H. Leach and Holmes R. Shaver, Commissioners.

IN RE: LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
MARVIN F. **STEPHENS**, DECEASED.
DATE OF DEATH: SEPTEMBER 22, 1978

(PROBATE ONLY)

"A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Marvin F. **STEPHENS**, deceased, a late resident of this County, bearing date the 13th day of January, 1971, was this day presented before the County Commission, for probate, and it appearing to this Commission that said paper writing is duly attested on the face thereof by an affidavit attached thereto, and being a part thereof, which states such facts under oath and properly verified as would be required of the witnesses in testifying before this Commission to establish and prove said Will; and

There appearing no person present before this Commission to object thereto, it is hereby ordered that said paper writing be admitted to probate, and recorded as the last Will and Testament of Marvin F. **STEPHENS**, deceased, in accordance with Chapter 41, Article 5, Section 15 of the official Code of the State of West Virginia."

Teste: H.K. Smith <seal>
Clerk Wood County Commission

Recorded this the 26th day of September, 1978.

Teste: H.K. Smith <seal>
Clerk Wood County Commission

THE END

WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
Will Book 41, Page 470

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF

LAURA MAY STEPHENS

I, Laura May **STEPHENS**, of the city of Walker, County of Wood, state of West Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking any will or wills heretofore made by me.

First. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid and satisfied, as soon as conveniently may be, after my decease.

Second. I give, devise, and bequeath to my husband, Marvin Francis **STEPHENS**, all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, of every kind and description, wheresoever situate, which I may own or have the right to dispose of at the time of my decease.

In Witness Whereof, I, Laura May **STEPHENS**, the testator, have set my hand and seal hereto this first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two (1962).

Laura May Stephens <seal>

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for her last will and testament by Laura May **STEPHENS**, the above named testator, in the presence of us, who at her request and in the presence of her and of each other, have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses on the day and year last aforesaid.

James F. **STEPHENS** <seal>
Martha Johnson <seal>

IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT OF
WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1968

IN RE: LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LAURA MAY **STEPHENS**, DECEASED. DATE OF DEATH: OCTOBER 15th. 1968.

"A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Laura May **STEPHENS**, deceased, a late resident of this County, bearing date on the 1st day of February, 1962, was this day presented before the County

Clerk for probate; and said writing being witness thereto, Who, after first being duly sworn, testified that the signature of the second subscribing witness to said paper writing was her signature, and that she had signed said paper writing as a subscribing witness at the request of and in the presence of James F. **STEPHENS**, the first subscribing witness, all present together, and that the said Laura May **STEPHENS**, the Testatrix, signed and acknowledged said paper writing as and for her last Will and Testament in her presence, and in the presence of James F. **STEPHENS**, the first subscribing witness, all present together, and ...

In the absence of James F. **STEPHENS**, the first subscribing witness to said paper writing, the said Martha Johnson further testified that the signature of the first subscribing witness is the signature of and in the proper handwriting of James F. **STEPHENS**, and that the said James F. **STEPHENS** signed said paper writing as a subscribing witness at the request of and in the presence of Laura May **STEPHENS**, the Testatrix, and in her presence, all present at the same time; and...

That to the best of her knowledge and belief the said Laura May **STEPHENS**, the Testatrix was, at the time of signing said paper writing, of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that she know of no reason why said paper writing should not be admitted to probate.

It is therefore, ORDERED that the said paper writing, be, and the same is hereby, admitted to probate and recorded as the last Will and Testament of the said Laura May **STEPHENS**, deceased."

A copy from the record of said Court of the day and date first aforesaid.

Teste:
L. W. Burdette <seal>
Clerk Wood County Court

Recorded this the 21st day of October, 1968.

Teste:
L. W. Burdette <seal>
Clerk Wood County Court

(NOTE: The above will was typed and signed by this author.)

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SECTION 3.

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS
MARVIN F. STEPHENS AND HIS CHILDREN

HUSBAND: 8. **Marvin Francis STEPHENS**
B: 07 Sep 1889 @ Middlebourne, Tyler Co., WV
M: 30 Jan 1910 to wife below @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
OM: 15 Sep 1970 to Mabel Catherine CORDRAY @ Wood Co,WV
D: 22 Sep 1978 @ WALKER, WOOD CO., WV
FATHER: 16. **John Francis STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 17. **Mary Ellen WEEKLEY**

WIFE: 9. **Laura Mae MOORE**
B: 01 Oct 1890 @ WALKER, WOOD CO., WV
D: 15 Oct 1968 @ PARKERSBURG, WOOD CO.,WV
FATHER: 18. **Robert Cummings MOORE**
MOTHER: 19. **Margaret Cordelia MURRY**

CHILDREN

1 F 8(1) **Edith Virginia STEPHENS**
B: 29 Nov 1910 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: 31 Jan 1930 to Clarence Edwin McCAULEY @ Charleston,WV (Divorced)
RM: 15 May 1942 to Cecil HARRIS @ Wirt Co,WV (Divorced)
Living @ Parkersburg,WV

2 F 8(2) **Bernice Olive STEPHENS**
B: 11 Apr 1912 @ Walker,Wood Co,W
M: 31 Dec 1932 to William Russell JOHNSON
D: 06 Dec 1975 @ Washington's Bottom,Wood Co,WV

3 M 8(3)4 **Cecil Francis STEPHENS**
B: 20 Mar 1914 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 16 Apr 1938 to 5. **Dora Lee JENKINS** @ Parkersburg, WV
D: 29 Jul 1961 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

4 F 8(4) **Clara Mae STEPHENS**
B: 24 Jun 1916 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 26 Jun 1937 to John Rodney CANTWELL @ Parkersburg, WV (Widowed)
Living @ Vienna, WV

5 M 8(5) **Joseph Charles STEPHENS**
B: 25 Jan 1918 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
Single
D: 23 Apr 1919 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

6 F 8(6) **Naomi Pearl STEPHENS**
B: 18 Mar 1920 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 1940 to Samuel G. GRAY
Living @ Colorado

CHILDREN (Continued)

7 F 8(7) **Carrie Martha STEPHENS**
B: 20 Mar 1922 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 02 Apr 1945 to John Leslie JOHNSON @ Clarksburg,WV
D: 04 Aug 1991 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

8 F 8(8) **Ruth Delarie STEPHENS**
B: 05 Jun 1924 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 09 May 1953 to Morton FREY Jr.
Living @ near Nashville, TN

9 M 8(9) **George Irvin STEPHENS**
B: 28 Mar 1927 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 12 Jan 1950 to Twila (Tillie) Lorain THOMPSON
Living @ Colorado

10 F 8(10) **Ruby Louise STEPHENS**
B: 26 Jul 1929 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: to James HAMILTON @ Clarksburg, WV (Divorced)
RM: to Jay VARNADO (Divorced)
RM: to Claude HYLE (Divorced)
Living @ Grand Junction, CO

11 M 8(11) **John Robert STEPHENS**
B: 31 Jul 1931 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 29 Sep 1951 to Nancy MAYNE @ Belpre,OH (Divorced)
RM: 06 Nov 1976 to Florence HAYS
Living @ near Cleveland,OH

HUSBAND: Clarence Edwin McCAULEY
M: 31 Jan 1930 to wife below @ Charleston,WV (Divorced)
OM: to (name unknown)

WIFE: 8(1) **Edith Virginia STEPHENS**
B: 29 Nov 1910 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
OM: 15 May 1942 to Cecil HARRIS @ Wirt Co,WV (Divorced)
Living @ Parkersburg,WV
FATHER: 8. Marvin Francis STEPHENS
MOTHER: 9. Laura Mae MOORE

CHILDREN

1 F Mildred Jean McCAULEY
B: @ Wood Co.,WV
M: to William CALEBAUGH @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
Living @ Wood Co,WV

2 F Mary Marlene McCAULEY
B: @ Wood Co,WV
M: to Tony RONDELLO
Living @ Florida

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HUSBAND: Cecil HARRIS
M: 15 May 1942 @ Wirt Co,WV (Divorced)

WIFE: 8(1) **Edith Virginia STEPHENS**
B: 29 Nov 1910 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
OM: 31 Jan 1930 to Clarence Edwin McCAULEY @ Charleston,WV (Divorced)

CHILDREN

1 M Cecil Clark (Butch) HARRIS
B: @ Parkersburg, Wood Co,WV
Single
Living @ Parkersburg,WV

HUSBAND: William Russell JOHNSON
M: 31 Dec 1932 to wife below (Widowed)
OM: Wanda JOHNSON MODESITT (widow)
D: 1981

WIFE: 8(2) **Bernice Olive STEPHENS**
B: 11 Apr 1912 @ Walker,Wood Co,W
D: 06 Dec 1975 @ Washington's Bottom,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 8. Marvin Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 9. Laura Mae MOORE

CHILDREN

1 F Betty Louise JOHNSON
B: 23 Jan 1934 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: 20 Feb 1954 to Donald Martin (Jim) BIRAM @ Parkersburg, Wood Co.,Parkersburg,,WV (Widowed)
Living @ Wood County, WV

2 F Patrica JOHNSON
B: @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: to Thomas (Tom) LIFE
Living @ Wood County, WV

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HUSBAND: 8(3)4 **Cecil Francis STEPHENS**
B: 20 Mar 1914 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 16 Apr 1938 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
D: 29 JUL 1961 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 8. Marvin Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 9. Laura Mae MOORE

WIFE: 5. **Dora Lee JENKINS**
B: 12 Apr 1918 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
OM: 18 Jan 1965 to Holly ALLEN @ Parkersburg,WV (Widowed)
Living @ Marietta, GA
FATHER: 10. Samuel (Bud) Jasper JENKINS
MOTHER: 11. Rosetta Mary HYDE

CHILDREN

1 M 4(1)2 **James Francis STEPHENS** Ph.D.
B: 02 Aug 1939 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 06 Jul 1967 to 3. **Nancy Ruth HARMAN** @ Knoxville, TN
Living @ 527 Pineview Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352

2 F Wilma Lee **STEPHENS**
B: 23 Jul 1941 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: 08 Jul 1962 to Virgil Leroy CONRAD @ Walker, WV
Living @ Marietta, GA

3 M William Joseph **STEPHENS**
B: 04 Aug 1944 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: 14 Feb 1969 to Barbara LEACH @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
D: 19 January 1990 @ Belpre, Ohio

4 F Norma Jean (Sis) **STEPHENS**
B: 21 Feb 1947 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: 10 Jul 1966 to Eddie D. NICHOLS @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV (Divorced)
OM: 23 Nov 1991 Marietta,GA Bo Dean
Living @ Florida

HUSBAND: John Rodney CANTWELL
B: 13 Sep 1913 @ Wood Co,WV
M: 26 Jun 1937 @ Parkersburg, Wood Co,WV
D: 18 Oct 1884 @ Vienna,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: John Jackson CANTWELL
MOTHER: Myra ROBERTS

WIFE: 8(4) **Clara Mae STEPHENS**
B: 24 Jun 1916 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
Living @ Vienna, WV
FATHER: 8. Marvin Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 9. Laura Mae MOORE

CHILDREN

1 F Eunice Ann CANTWELL
B: 06 Sep 1939 @ Pennsboro,Ritchie Co,WV
M: to William Martin LESSNER (Divorced)
RM: to Jake HEDRECK (Divorced)
Living @ Vienna, WV

2 F Barbara Sue CANTWELL
B: 13 Feb 1943 @ Calhoun Co,WV
M: to Robert S. WEIFORD
Living @ Parkersburg,WV

3 M Rodney Jeffery CANTWELL
B: 04 Aug 1950 @ Dallison,Wood Co,WV
M: to Rozzanne BISSETTE
Living @ Red Hill, WV

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HUSBAND: Samuel G. GRAY
B: 05 Dec 1916 @ Mifflin,Ashland Co,OH
M: 1940
Living @ Colorado
FATHER: Herman Leslie GRAY
MOTHER: Anna Marie KELLER GRAY

WIFE: 8(6) **Naomi Pearl STEPHENS**
B: 18 Mar 1920 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
Living @ Colorado
FATHER: 8. Marvin Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 9. Laura Mae MOORE

CHILDREN

1 M Joseph Gale GRAY
B: 21 May 1944 @ Parkersburg, Wood Co,WV
Single
Living

2 F Linda Marie GRAY
B: 16 Oct 1947 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: to Robert (Bob) DENNEY
Living

HUSBAND: John Leslie JOHNSON
B: 19 Nov 1920 @ Meadowbrook,Harrison Co,WV
M: 02 Apr 1945 @ Clarksburg,WV
Living @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: Edward JOHNSON
MOTHER: Jane Elizabeth MODESETT JOHNSON

WIFE: 8(7) **Carrie Martha STEPHENS**
B: 20 Mar 1922 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
D: 04 Aug 1991 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 8. Marvin Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 9. Laura Mae MOORE

CHILDREN

1 F Elizabeth May JOHNSON
B: 17 Aug 1946 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: 18 Sep 1964 to William David HYDE, Rev. @ Parkersburg, WV
Living @ Walker, WV

2 F Lois Genevieve JOHNSON
B: 11 Nov 1948 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
D: 14 Nov 1948 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV

3 F Phyllis Gay JOHNSON
B: 22 Jan 1956 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: Feb 1978 to Michael RADER @ Aiken,SC (Divorced)
RM: 19 May 1989 to Sherman COCKRELL
Living @ South Carolina

4 F Carolyn Sue JOHNSON
B: 16 Jan 1959 @ Parkersburg, Wood Co,WV
M: 1985 to Charles A. McDIFFITT @ Wood Co,WV
Living @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

5 M Timothy Alan JOHNSON
B: 26 Oct 1965 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
Single
Living @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

HUSBAND: Morton FREY Jr.
B: 06 Oct 1918 @ Elkins,Randolph Co,WV
OM: to (name unknown) (Widowed)
M: 09 May 1953 to wife below
Living near Nashville, TN
FATHER: Morton FREY,Sr.
MOTHER: Evelyn BILLER

WIFE: 8(8) **Ruth Delarie STEPHENS**
B: 05 Jun 1924 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
Living near Nashville, TN
FATHER: 8. Marvin Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 9. Laura Mae MOORE

CHILDREN (by Morton's first wife)

1 F Kay Frances FREY
B: 07 Jul 1945 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: 18 Jun 1969 to Willard Gerald QUICK
Living

2 M Morton FREY III
B: 24/??/1947 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: Feb 1969 to Linda Marie JOHNSON @ Las Vegas,NV
Living @ CA

3 F Rebecca Lee FREY
B: 15 Aug 1949
M: Jul 1969 to Roger Lewis HORNE @ Parkersburg, Wood Co,WV
Living

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HUSBAND: 8(9) **George Irvin STEPHENS**
B: 28 Mar 1927 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 12 Jan 1950
Living @ Colorado
FATHER: 8. Marvin Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 9. Laura Mae MOORE

WIFE: Twila (Tillie) Lorain THOMPSON
B: 17 Apr 1930 @ Burning Springs,Wirt Co,WV
Living @ Colorado
FATHER: Clarence William THOMPSON
MOTHER: Lurlin RICHARDS

CHILDREN

1 M Randall Irvin **STEPHENS**
B: 21 Sep 1952 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: 21 Jan 1984 to Ann Evelyn ROBERTS @ London,ENGLAND
Living @ Africa (1986)

2 M Ricky Jay **STEPHENS**
B: 12 Oct 1958 @ Cleveland,OH
M: 10 Oct 1980 to Verley Marie STEWART
Living @ Colorado

3 M Russell Gerald **STEPHENS**
B: 07 Oct 1963 @ Wheatridge,Jefferson Co,Colorado
Living @ Jefferson Co,Colorado

HUSBAND: James HAMILTON
M: @ Clarksburg, WV (Divorced)

WIFE: 8(10) **Ruby Louise STEPHENS**
B: 26 Jul 1929 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
OM: to Jay VARNADO (Divorced)
OM: to Claude HYLE (Divorced)
Living @ Grand Junction, CO
FATHER: 8. Marvin Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 9. Laura Mae MOORE

CHILDREN

1 M Michael HAMILTON
B: @ Silver Springs, MD
M: to Linda
Living near Denver, CO

(Child by Ruby's 2'nd marriage)

2 M Jay Edward VARNADO
B: Oct 1965 @ Louisiana

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HUSBAND: 8(11) **John Robert STEPHENS**
B: 31 Jul 1931 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 29 Sep 1951 to wife below @ Belpre,OH (Divorced)
OM: 06 Nov 1976 to Florence HAYS
Living @ near Cleveland,OH
FATHER: 8. Marvin Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 9. Laura Mae MOORE

WIFE: Nancy MAYNE
B: 1932
Living @ Cleveland, OH

CHILDREN

1 M Robert **STEPHENS**
B: @ Parkersburg, WV
M: (name unknown)
Living @ Cleveland, OH

2 F Debbie **STEPHENS**
B: @ Parkersburg, WV
Living @ Cleveland, OH

3 F Laurie **STEPHENS**
B: @ near Cleveland, OH
Living @ Cleveland, OH

SECTION 4.

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS FOR MATERNAL LINES

HUSBAND: 18. **Robert Cummings MOORE**
B: 07 Nov 1846 @ Natural Bridge, Rockbridge Co.,VA
M: 05 Apr 1871 @ Weston,Lewis Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 23 Oct 1927 @ Chester, Hancock Co.,WV
FATHER: 36. **John J. MOORE**
MOTHER: 37. **Elizabeth R. BRAGG**

WIFE: 19. **Margaret Cordelia MURRY**
B: 15 Dec 1846 @ Lewis Co.,WV
D: 22 Jan 1916 @ Chester,Hancock Co.,WV
FATHER: 38. **John MURRY**
MOTHER: 39. **Virginia (Jane) -?-**

1 F Sarah Olive (Sallie) MOORE
B: 18 Aug 1873 @ Wirt Co,WV
M: 28 Dec 1892 to Ulyssus S. COLLUMS @ Wirt Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 14 Jan 1903 to William (Will) ALEY @ Wood Co,WV
D: 02 Aug 1910 @ Wirt Co (or Wood ?),WV

2 M John Howard MOORE
B: 17 Mar 1876 @ Wirt Co,WV
D: 21 Jun 1876 @ Wirt Co,WV

3 M Robert McBride (Bud) MOORE
B: 02 Jul 1877 @ Wood Co,WV
M: 26 Aug 1899 to Annabelle JOY @ Wood Co,WV
D: @ E.Liverpool,OH ??

4 F Carrie Jane MOORE
B: 21 Aug 1879 @ Wirt Co,WV
M: to Benjamin Franklin (Frank) ARNOLD (Widowed)
D: 21 May 1955 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV

5 M Charles Lumber MOORE
B: 14 Jul 1882 @ Wood Co,WV
Single
D: 1944 @ Chester,WV

6 M Albert William MOORE
B: 30 Sep 1886 @ Wirt Co,WV
M: to Hanna Ruth PIERSON
D: @ E.Liverpool,OH ??

7 M Benjamin Harrison MOORE
B: 16 Oct 1888 @ Wirt Co,WV
M: to Helen Virginia
D: @ E.Liverpool,OH ??

8 F 18(8)9 **Laura Mae MOORE**
B: 01 Oct 1890 @ WALKER, WOOD CO., WV
M: 30 Jan 1910 to 8. **Marvin Francis STEPHENS** @ Wood Co,WV
D: 15 Oct 1968 @ PARKERSBURG, WOOD CO.,WV

9 Infant (b & d 1880/1900)

HUSBAND: 36. **John J. MOORE**
B: ca 1809 @ VA
M: 13 Mar 1833 @ Albemarle Co.,VA
D: April 1870 @ Weston, Lewis Co,WV
FATHER: 72. **Benjamin MOORE Jr.**
MOTHER: 73. **Susanna BURTON**

WIFE: 37. **Elizabeth R. BRAGG**
B: ca. 1812 @ VA
D: probably before 1880 @ Lewis Co.,WV ?
FATHER: **Elias BRAGG** (1785-1861)
MOTHER: **Mary (Polly) H. BRYANT** (1790-1865)

CHILDREN

1 M Jeremiah B. (Jerry) MOORE
B: Nov 1834 @ prob. Albemarle Co,VA
M: 22 Jan 1865 to Rebecca DENSMORE @ Weston,Lewis Co,WV
(Widowed)
D: 19 Oct 1917 @ Weston,Lewis Co,WV (Hacker's Creek Dist)

2 F Elizabeth Jane MOORE
B: 13 Mar 1835 @ VA
M: 02 Jan 1859 to William H. BRAGG @ Weston,Lewis Co,WV
D: 05 Apr 1900 @ Haleville (Weston),Lewis Co,WV

3 F Sarah M. MOORE
B: CA 1837 @ Rockbridge Co,VA
M: 30 Sep 1857 to Charles T. MILLER @ Weston,Lewis Co,WV
(Widowed)
RM: 24 Jun 1866 to George Washington HALL @ Wood Co,WV
D: 01 Sep 1906 @ Haleville (Weston),Lewis Co,WV

4 M John W. MOORE
B: ca 1838 @ Rockbridge Co. (?),VA
D: after 1850

5 F Susannah C. MOORE
B: ca 1840 @ Rockbridge Co,VA
M: 20 Jun 1864 to Charles C. HALL @ Weston,Lewis Co,WV

6 M William Henry MOORE
B: 22 Jun 1841 @ near Natural Bridge,Rockbridge Co,VA
M: 15 Jul 1871 to Margaret Ann POWELL @ Clarksburg,WV
D: 25 Oct 1911 @ Sassafras Run,Lewis Co,WV

7 F Mary M. MOORE
B: 1844 @ Rockbridge Co,VA
Single
D: Mar 1860 @ Weston,Lewis Co,WV

8 F Nancy Hamilton MOORE
B: 1845 @ Rockbridge Co,VA
M: 29 Feb 1864 to Robert Pindle FLESHER @ Lewis Co,WV
D: 03 Feb 1878 @ Halesville(Weston),Lewis Co,WV

9 M 36(9)18 Robert Cummings **MOORE**
B: 07 Nov 1846 @ Natural Bridge, Rockbridge Co.,VA
M: 05 Apr 1871 to 19. **Margaret Cordelia MURRY**
@ Weston, Lewis Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 23 Oct 1927 @ Chester, Hancock Co.,WV

10 F Lucy A. MOORE
B: 1849 @ Lewis Co,WV ??
M: 02 Nov 1865 to Henry C. HALL @ Lewis Co,WV
D: by 1881 ? @ prob. Madison Co,Ill.

11 F Harriet F. MOORE
B: 1851 @ Weston,Lewis Co,WV

HUSBAND: 72. **Benjamin MOORE Jr.**
B: ca 1778 @ New Jersey
M: 26 Dec 1799 to wife below @ Richmond City, VA (Widowed)
OM: 06 Jan 1830 to Mary BOWEN @ Albemarle Co,VA
D: 1843 @ Moore's Creek,Albemarle Co,VA
FATHER: 144. **Benjamin MOORE Sr.**
MOTHER: 145. **Martha** -?-

WIFE: 73. **Susanna BURTON**
B: 1778/84 @ VA?
D: by 1830 @ Albemarle Co,VA

CHILDREN

1 M 72(2)36 **John J. MOORE**
B: ca 1809 @ VA
M: 13 Mar 1833 to 37. **Elizabeth R. BRAGG** @ Albemarle Co.,VA
D: April 1870 @ Weston, Lewis Co,WV

2 M William Price MOORE
B: ca 1802 @ VA
M: 21 Feb 1827 to Sarah WHEAT @ Albemarle Co,VA

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HUSBAND: 72. **Benjamin MOORE Jr.**
B: ca 1778 @ New Jersey
OM: 26 Dec 1799 to Susanna BURTON @ Richmond, VA (widowed)
M: 06 Jan 1830 to wife below @ Albemarle Co,VA
D: 1843 @ Moore's Creek,Albemarle Co,VA

WIFE: Mary BOWEN
B: ca 1808 @ VA

CHILDREN

1 M Benjamin S. MOORE
B: ca 1832 @ Albemarle Co,VA
M: 14 Feb 1854 to Mary (Polly) L. BOWEN @ Albemarle Co,VA

HUSBAND: 144. **Benjamin MOORE Sr.**
B: ca 1750 @ Essex Co,NJ
M: @ New Jersey ?
D: 1827 @ Moore's Creek,Albemarle Co,VA
FATHER: 288. **John Jackson MOORE Jr.**
MOTHER: 289. **Sarah PLATT**

WIFE: 145. **Martha -?-**
B: @ NJ ??
D: by 18 Jun 1826 @ Albemarle Co,VA ?

CHILDREN

1 M Samuel MOORE
B: @ NJ ?
M: to name Mrs.
D: 1834/40 @ Albemarle Co,VA ?

2 F Elizabeth MOORE
B: @ NJ ?
M: to Anthony LINES (LYONS)
D: after 1846 @ Aquackanonk Twsp.,Essex Co,NJ

3 M Isaac MOORE
B: @ NJ ?
M: by 1800 to Hannah
D: 11 Jul 1833 @ Augusta Co,VA

4 M Moses J. MOORE
B: @ NJ ?
M: 04 Jan 1795 to Nancy HURT (Widowed)
RM: to Matilda
D: after 1837 @ Louisville, KY ??

5 M John Jackson MOORE
B: 1783 @ NJ
M: 26 May 1809 to Susanna BARNET @ Albemarle Co,VA (Widowed)
RM: 04 Mar 1811 to Nancy THACKER @ Albemarle Co,VA (Widowed)
D: 30 Mar 1860 @ Clay Co,(W)VA

6 M 144(6)72 **Benjamin MOORE Jr.**
B: ca 1778 @ New Jersey
M: 26 Dec 1799 to 73. **Susanna BURTON** @ Richmond City,VA
(Widowed)
RM: 06 Jan 1830 to Mary BOWEN @ Albemarle Co,VA
D: 1843 @ Moore's Creek,Albemarle Co,VA

7 F Nancy MOORE
M: 04 Apr 1803 to David PATTERSON
D: by 1841

8 F Martha MOORE
M: to John PATTERSON
D: after 1846

9 F Abigail MOORE
M: 05 Feb 1798 to David DOVE (Widowed)
RM: to Mr. THACKER
D: by 1841

10 F Sarah MOORE
M: to Mr. MAULE

11 M Plat MOORE
M: 29 Sep 1788 to Milley LANGFORD (Widowed)
RM: to Polly GRYMES

HUSBAND: 38. **John MURRY**
B: ca. 1802 @ VA
M: by 1828
D: 05 Aug 1854 @ Lewis Co,WV

WIFE: 39. **Virginia (Jane) -?-**
B: ca. 1802 @ VA
D: Jun 1864/ Jan 1865 @ Racine, Meigs Co,OH

CHILDREN

1 F Elizabeth Jane MURRY
B: Mar 1828 @ Goochland Co,VA
M: 25 Sep 1859 to William PRICE @ Roane Co,WV
D: @ Roane Co,WV ?

2 F Ellender C. (Ellen) MURRY
B: 22 Jul 1829 @ VA
M: 21 Oct 1850 to Dempsey FLESHER @ Lewis Co,WV
D: 28 Nov 1882 @ Roane Co,WV

3 F Sarah E. MURRY
B: ca 1830 @ VA
M: 24 Aug 1870 to Joseph H. ROBINSON @ Roane Co,WV

4 F Susan M. MURRY
B: 21 Oct 1832 @ Goochland Co,VA
M: 14 Jun 1857 to Robert BLOSSER @ Roane Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 12 Nov 1871 to Daniel W. SAYRE @ Roane Co,WV
D: 10 Feb 1907 @ Roane Co,WV

5 M William J. MURRY
B: ca 1834 @ VA
M: 23 May 1854 to Mary F. DODSON @ Weston,Lewis Co,WV
D: by 1865 @ prob. Lewis Co,WV

6 M John C. MURRY
B: ca 1836 @ Goochland Co,VA
M: 23 Aug 1860 to Minerva Jane FARMER @ Roane Co,WV
D: 09 May 1864 @ Cloyd's Mountain,Pulaski Co,VA

7 F Mahala F. MURRY
B: 07 Jul 1839 @ Augusta Co,VA
M: 26 Jun 1859 to Thomas Jefferson BOARD @ Roane Co,WV
D: 27 Dec 1901 @ Roane Co,WV

8 M Henry F. MURRY
B: ca 1841 @ Randolph Co,WV
D: 09 May 1864 @ Battle of Cloyd's Mt.,Pulaski Co,VA

9 F 38(9)19 **Margaret Cordelia MURRY**
B: 15 Dec 1846 @ Lewis Co.,WV
M: 05 Apr 1871 to 18. **Robert Cummings MOORE**
@ Weston,Lewis Co,WV
D: 22 Jan 1916 @ Chester,Hancock Co.,WV

10 M Edwin Howard MURRY
B: May 1849 @ Lewis Co,WV
M: 02 Jul 1868 to Indiana (Ida) COLLISON @ Roane Co,WV
(Widowed)
RM: 12Jun 1881 to Ida Robinson @ Jackson Co., WV
D: 07 Sep 1917 @ Wagon Run,Reedy Dist.,Roane Co,WV

Cecil Francis Stephens (1914-1961)
Dora Lee Jenkins (1918 -)
Married 16 April 1938
ca. 1937

Cecil Francis Stephens
ca 1951

Family of Cecil Stephens
L-R (front): Wilma, Dora, Norma Jean
L-R (rear): James, William
1985 at Walker

Rosetta Mary Hyde (1891-1979)
Samuel Jasper Jenkins (1883-1961)
Married 6 Sept. 1907

CHAPTER VI.

CECIL FRANCIS STEPHENS (1914-1961)

and

DORA LEE JENKINS (1918-)

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Cecil Francis STEPHENS

FATHER: Marvin Francis STEPHENS
MOTHER: Laura Mae MOORE
BORN: 20 Mar 1914
  AT: Walker,Wood Co,WV
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Dora Lee JENKINS
  ON: 16 Apr 1938
  AT: Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
  STATUS: Married
DIED ON: 29 Jul 1961
  AT: Walker,Wood Co,WV
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 4
  1) James Francis STEPHENS, Ph.D.
  2) Wilma Lee STEPHENS
  3) William Joseph STEPHENS
  4) Norma Jean (Sis) STEPHENS
Burial Date: 01 Aug 1961
Burial Place: Mt Carmel Cem, Walker,WV
Occupation: Farmer,Timberman,Merchant

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CHAPTER VI. CECIL FRANCIS & DORA LEE (JENKINS) STEPHENS

SECTION 1.

4. Cecil Francis Stephens (1914-1961))
5. Dora Lee Jenkins (1918-)

Cecil Francis **STEPHENS** was born[1] on Lick Run, Walker District, Wood County, West Virginia, in a log house on Friday, 20 March 1914. He was the oldest son of 8. Marvin Francis **STEPHENS**, and 9. Laura Mae Moore. Cecil was married[2] by the Reverend E. Ray Cole to Dora Lee Jenkins, in Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, 16 April 1938, in the parsonage of the Seventh Street United Brethren Church. The wedding was witnessed by Mrs. E. Ray Cole and Dora's sister, Nellie B. (Jenkins) Moore. Dora is the daughter of 10. Samuel (Bud) Jasper Jenkins, and 11. Rosetta Mary Hyde, and was born[3] on Friday, 12 April 1918, in Walker, Wood County, West Virginia. Cecil was nicknamed "Apple Bill" by his family, and Dora was known as "Fiddle" and/or "Doe" by her family.

Cecil and Dora were the parents of four children, 4(1)2 James (Jim) Francis, 4(2) Wilma Lee, 4(3) William (Bill) Joseph, and 4(4) Norma (Sis) Jean. Jim was born in his Jenkins grandparents log house in Walker. The other children were all born in Parkersburg, West Virginia; Wilma in the home of Dora's sister Nellie, Bill and Norma in Camden Clark Memorial Hospital.

Cecil was killed[4] instantly in a tragic timbering accident on Oak Ridge, Walker District, Wood County, West Virginia, on Saturday, 29 July 1961. His funeral was at Mt. Carmel Church on 1 August 1961 and he was buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Walker. Cecil was issued[5] Social Security # 705-12-5329.

Four years after the death of Cecil, Dora married[6] Holly Allen in Parkersburg, WV, on 18 January 1965. Holly was born[7] 11 October 1918, in Millstone, Calhoun County, WV. He is the son of James Filden Allen and Almira Bailey. Holly died after a long illness on 3 May 1985, in Camden Clark Memorial Hospital, Parkersburg, WV. Holly was buried on 3 May 1985 in Sturm Cemetery, near Millstone, WV. Holly's first wife was Vera Hathaway.

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1. Wood County, West Virginia, birth records, Book 1905-1915, page S.

2. Wood County, West Virginia, marriage records, Book 43, page 360.

3. Wood County, West Virginia birth records, Book 3, page 108.

4. Wood County, West Virginia, death records, Book 10, page 274.

5. Original Social Security card in the possession of author.

6. Wood County, WV marriage records, Book ____, page ____.

7. Obituary written by Holly before his death. A copy of this obituary is included later in the chapter.

William Joseph **STEPHENS**, the second son of Cecil and Dora, died at his home in Belpre, Ohio on 19 January 1990. He was buried at the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Belpre, OH.

THE JENKINS FAMILY

Dora's parents, Samuel (Bud) Jasper Jenkins and Rosetta Mary Hyde, were married[1] by the Rev. S. Scollay Moore, Rector of Trinity Church, in Parkersburg, WV, on 6 September 1907. The marriage was witnessed[2] by Samuel's brother, Thomas N. Jenkins, and by Rosetta's father, Amos S. Hyde. Samuel, the son of 20. Samuel J. Jenkins, Sr., and 21. Elcie Jane Johnson, was born 23 March 1883 in Ritchie County, West Virginia. Rosetta was born 22 May 1891 in Braxton County, West Virginia, daughter of, 22. Amos Sylvester (Vest) Hyde and 23. Lavila Jane Davis. Samuel and Rosetta lived all their lives in the Ritchie and Wood Counties, WV area, except a short time when they lived in Harrison County, WV, while Samuel worked in the mines and in a zinc factory. Samuel died[3] 11 June 1961, and Rosetta died[4] 17 October 1979, both in Parkersburg, WV. Both are buried in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Walker, WV.

Samuel J. Jenkins, Sr., son of 40. John Jenkins and 41. Nancy Jackson,was born[5] 15 March 1831 in what is now Ritchie County, West Virginia. Samuel Jenkins, Sr., and Elcie Johnson were married[6] 07 March 1865 in Ritchie Co., WV, after Samuel returned from the Civil War. Samuel served in Co. K, 10th WV Infantry. He was badly wounded[7] on 9 April 1865 at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, the day and place that Lee surrendered to Grant. Elcie Johnson was born in May 1851 in Upshur County, WV, the daughter of 42. Thomas Nashville Johnson, Sr., and 43. Alpha Jane Marshall. Samuel died 21 January 1901, and Elcie died[8] 7 August 1928, both in Eatons, Wood County, WV. Both are buried in the Mt. Olive Cemetery, Eatons, WV.

Very little documented information is known about John and Nancy (Jackson) Jenkins. John Jenkins was born[9] before 1794 in

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1. Wood County, West Virginia marriage records, Book 16, page 173.

2. Copy of marriage certificate supplied by pastor at the time of marriage, now in the possession of this author.

3. Wood Co., WV death records, Book 10, page 251.

4. Wood Co., WV death records, Book 15, page 21.

5. Birth date taken from tombstone at Mt. Olive Cemetery, Eatons, WV.

6. Ritchie County, WV, marriage records, Book 1853-1900, page 12.

7. Civil War pension and military files, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

8. West Virginia Certificate of Death #10999, 1928.

9. Wood County, West Virginia census records for 1820 & 1830.

what is now West Virginia and probably died[1] 1847/48 in Ritchie County. John and Nancy were married by 1815. Nancy was born[2] ca. 1800 in Harrison County, WV. After Nancy was widowed, she married[3] William Bravo on 15 April 1855 in Ritchie County. Nancy was apparently widowed again by 1860, when she is listed in the household of her son Madison on the 1860 Ritchie County census.[4] Nancy probably died between 1860 and 1870, as she is not found on 1870 census.

THE HYDE FAMILY

Amos Sylvester (Vest) Hyde, son of 44. Peter Hyde and 45. Margaret Ann Stout, was born 5 April 1859 in Jarvisville, Harrison County, WV. Amos and Lavila Jane Davis were married[5] 22 November 1880 in Doddridge Co., WV. Lavila was born in Oxford, Doddridge Co., WV, on 7 August 1859, the daughter of 46. William Elkanah Davis and 47. Anna Willis. Amos died[6] 15 January 1949 in Drakes, Perry County, Ohio, and Lavila died[7] 6 November 1943 in Parkersburg, WV. Both are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Walker, WV.

Peter Hyde is the son of 88. Daniel Hyde and 89. Mary Richards. Daniel is the son of 176. James Hyde, Jr. and 177. Catherine Hardman. James Hyde, Jr. is the son of 392. James Hyde, Sr. and 393. Sarah -?-.

PRE-MARRIAGE YEARS

Cecil began his education at Rocky Knob School, which was the same school that his parents attended. After a new school was built at Mt. Carmel, he attended it, but was not always able to attend on a regular basis. Cecil was awarded an Elementary School Diploma[8] on 15 April 1930 by his teacher, Mrs. Spence. The diploma "Certifies that Cecil Francis **STEPHENS** has completed the Course of Study prescribed by the Board of Education for the Public Schools of West Virginia, including the subjects of reading, orthography, penmanship, arithmetic, English grammar, United States and West Virginia History, geography, civil

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1. John last appeared on the Ritchie Co., WV personal tax list in 1847.

2. Ritchie Co., WV 1860 census.

3. Ritchie Co., WV marriage records, Book 1853-1900, page 1.

4. Ritchie Co., WV 1860 census.

5. Doddridge Co., WV marriage records, Book 1-A, page 244.

6. State of Ohio, Division of Vital Statistics, Certificate of Death #05276, 1949.

7. Wood County, WV death records, Book 6, page 414. Also, West Virginia Certificate of Death , #14705, for the year 1943.

8. Diploma in the possession of this author.

government, elementary agriculture, physiology and hygiene." The diploma was signed by H. A. Langfitt, County Superintendent; W.W. McPeek, President Board of Education; M. Jetta Spence, Teacher. In order to attend high school, it would have been necessary for Cecil to board in Parkersburg, 20 miles away, which was not a possibility for him.

Dora started to school, and completed her first year, while her parents were living in Harrison Co., WV. Her family was living in Roberts, in housing owned by the mine company, at the time. Many of the houses looked alike, so Dora's mother tied a ribbon to a post outside the house so Dora would be able to recognize the house when she returned home from school. Before Dora finished her first year in school, her family moved to Ziesing, when her father took a job in the zinc factory. Thus, she finished the first grade in Ziesing. She later attended the Mt. Carmel school, but only had the opportunity to complete the first four grades. Dora also had Mrs. Spence as a teacher. Dora's father helped build the Mt. Carmel School.

After completing the eighth grade at the age of 16, Cecil worked at whatever type of job he was able to find, such as farm labor, carpenter work, road construction, railroad labor, etc. Of course, Cecil always helped with the work on the family farm. An enormous amount of work was required to take care of the farm animals, grow gardens, cut firewood, etc. Cecil's father grew a lot of berries which required a lot of work by all members of the family. The family had an apple orchard which supplied large quantities of apples. Apples were buried under straw in the barns to keep them during the Winter. Cecil was always very fond of apples. When he went to the barn to do chores, he would come back eating apples and would have his pockets stuffed with apples. He was given the nickname of "Apple Bill" by his family.[1]

Cecil always grew popcorn, and would always keep a supply of dry popcorn in the attic of the house.

One of Cecil's favorite activities, as a boy and young man, was swimming in the local swimming "holes" in Walker Creek and in Lick Run. One of Cecil's best friends was his first cousin, Samuel (Sam) I. **STEPHENS**, Jr., son of Samuel Irvin **STEPHENS**, Sr. Sam lived in Parkersburg, but he visited the farm quite often, and always spent a big part of his summer vacations on the farm. Sometimes Cecil would drive his father's Model T and he and Sam[2] would go to Walker Station to swim in a popular "swimming hole" in Walker Creek. At other times Cecil and Sam would go swimming in the "waist deep swimming hole" on Lick Run.

Cecil enjoyed hunting very much, and spent a lot of time hunting rabbits, squirrels, groundhogs, quail, and pheasants. Cecil and Sam, along with another cousin, Don Skeens, would sometimes go rabbit hunting by digging rabbits out of their burrows with a mattock.

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1. Personal communication from Martha (Stephens) Johnson, dated Jan., 1989.

2. Personal letter from Samuel I. Stephens, Jr., Titusville, FL, dated 10 February 1989.

Once Cecil and Sam went rabbit hunting on the hill close to Lick Run school, out of season, and they ran "smack" into a game warden. They hid for awhile, then ran to the house and hid their guns. About 30 minutes after the boys arrived at their house, they observed the game warden drive by the house in his green pick-up truck.[1]

Another one of Cecil's best friends as a young man, was Russell Beha, of Walker.

Before her marriage, Dora helped with the work on the family farm, and did housework for people in the community. She had many unusual pets, such as a pig, which acted like a pet dog, and two groundhogs. Dora raised the pig from the time it was first born by hand feeding it with a bottle. She kept the pig for two years by which time it became a large pig weighing several hundred pounds. She sold the pig to Ed Huber who hauled the pig in a wagon to his farm about three miles away. The next day the pig came walking back to the Jenkins home! Dora once killed a fox with a rock, and sold the fur. Dora learned at a very early age to play several musical instruments, such as the organ, piano, guitar, and violin. Samuel Jenkins, Dora's father, was a great violin player and he played at many dances in the community. Samuel also called square dances. Dora and her brother Dencil performed at such dances by playing a violin together. Dora would note, and Dencil would use the bow. Samuel purchased a new violin, and gave his old violin, which had belonged to his father, to Dora. This old violin,[2] built in the 1800's, had a broken neck in later years, but was repaired.

Cecil and Dora attended the Mt. Carmel church, along with other members of their families.

NEWLYWEDS

When Cecil and Dora were first married they lived with their respective parents while Cecil completed the construction of their three-room house on Freeport Ridge, Walker District, Wood County, WV. They moved[3] into the house in September, 1938. The house was on a 28 acre farm[4] which Cecil had purchased, before he was married, from John Wilcox in 1937. Wilcox had purchased the land from a Frenchman, Mr. Beaudrie. The house was located between the Wildman home and the home of Dora's grandparents, Amos and Lavila Hyde. Cecil and Dora were living in this house when their first child, Jim, was born. However, Jim was born in the home of Dora's parents. The attending physician was Dr. Holmes Blair. Cecil worked for a construction company that was building a bridge across Walker Creek on Route 47. This bridge

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1. Ibid.

2. Violin was rebuilt by an instrument maker, a Mr. Wilkins of Texas, and is now (1989) in the possession of this author

3. Personal communication, telephone call from Dora (Jenkins) Allen, 16 July 1989.

4. Wood County, WV deeds, Book 216, Page 458, 21 April 1937.

is on Rt. 47 just before the Walker Road intersection. The construction job did not last long, and since this was the"great depression" period, jobs were very hard to secure. Cecil was not able to locate another job immediately, so he purchased two bay horses, Pat and Molly, and starting cutting timber, trying to make the payments on his farm loan. It soon became obvious that he was not going to be able to make the payments, so he sold the farm. The horses were sold to Cecil's uncle, Dallas Lee, who lived in Walker. Later, Dallas Lee sold his farm along with the horses to Faud Haught. This author remembers the horses on the Haught farm. Recently, the Haught's gave this author the horse yoke that Cecil had used with Pat and Molly. Cecil owned a 1932 Model A Ford coupe when he was first married.

THE EARLY YEARS[1]

After Cecil and Dora sold their 28 acre farm, they moved, in late 1940 or early 1941, to the Ellen DeGoines house on Lick Run, which was up the creek, not far from where Cecil's parents lived. Wilma Lee, their second child, was born while they were living in the DeGoines house. Wilma was born in the home of Nellie (Jenkins) Mead, in Parkersburg, WV. Dr. Russell Yeager was the attending physician. Nellie Beha, who was later to marry Dale Huber, Cecil's cousin, stayed with Dora before Wilma's birth, to help with the house work. Once when Nellie was staying with the family, Jim, who was less than two years old, got away from the house and walked up to a footbridge across a small stream and fell off into the water. He was not hurt, but gave everyone a good scare.

When daughter Wilma was three months old, in the fall of 1941, Cecil and Dora moved into their third home, a house and small farm rented from Ralph Nulter. This house was located in Walker next to the farm that Cecil and Dora would eventually purchase four years later. This house was also next door to the farm owned by uncle and aunt, Dallas and Cora (**STEPHENS**) Lee. Cecil was working with the railroad when they moved to the Nulter house. One of the interesting features about the house was that it had natural gas lamps installed. During their three year stay in the Nulter house, their third child, William Joseph, was born. Cecil and Dora had pigs, cows, and chickens, and grew big gardens. They had a milk cow named Red. Dora learned to drive a car on this farm, but did not obtain a driver's permit. Cecil now had a Model-A Ford car, and an Indiana truck. After Cecil was laid off from his railroad job, he briefly cut pulp wood. Cecil cut some pulp wood on the neighboring Dallas Lee farm. This author remembers Dora preparing picnic baskets and taking her children, Jim and Wilma, to the area on the Lee farm where her husband would be working and having picnic lunches with Cecil. They owned a dog, a brown and white mixed Airedale-shepherd, named Perky.

After Dallas and Cora Lee sold their farm and moved to Parkersburg, Cecil would occasionally on Sundays, take his family

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1. Much of the information below was obtained from personal communications with Dora (Jenkins) Stephens Allen.

and the daughter and son-in-law of Dallas and Cora, Clara and John Wilcox, to Parkersburg to visit the Lee's. He would drive John Wilcox's car, a Terraplane, since John did not drive. One Sunday while driving on Route 47 on the way to Parkersburg, Jim, at about age 4, somehow got the back door of the car open, while the car was moving, and fell out of the car. Dora was able to grab Wilma to keep her from falling out, but was too late to grab Jim. When Dora looked back, Jim was on his feet running as fast as he could towards the car. They drove on to Parkersburg to the home of Uncle Dallas and Aunt Cora, and called Dr. Yeager. Dr. Yeager examined Jim and could not find any problems, other than some abrasions on his head and legs. Dr. Yeager made a second visit that day to examine Jim, but decided that he (Jim) was not hurt.

In 1944, at the height of World War II, Cecil obtained a job with Libby-Owens in Parkersburg. By now there was a shortage of about everything because of the War, especially automobiles, automobile parts and supplies, and gasoline. Cecil was not able to obtain needed gasoline or tires to drive to his job, so they were forced to move to Parkersburg in the fall of 1944. They moved to their fourth home, a house on Avery Street one house away from the home of Edith (**STEPHENS**) Harris, Cecil's sister. Cecil's job was to paint inside airplane fuel tanks, among other things. He came home sick every night and had a difficult time working, and after about a year had to quit the job. While living in Parkersburg, Cecil was called for the World War II draft, but did not pass his physical examination because of a slightly deformed spine.

Dora's brother, Clyde Jenkins, Cecil's future brother-in-law John Johnson, and his brother-in-law Sam Gray, all served in WW II. This author remembers both John Johnson and Clyde Jenkins coming home after the War. Later, Cecil's two living brothers, George and John both served in Korea during the Korean War.

THE MOVE BACK TO WALKER

While Cecil and his family were living in Parkersburg, Oscar Bays, who owned a neighboring farm to the Nulter house, died of tuberculosis. Cecil soon purchased the 70 1/4 acre farm[1] from Oscar's widow, Ruth (Soles) Bays, on 14 March 1945. The house on the farm had really been started as a barn, and had only been partially completed as a house. Much work was required before Cecil and his family could move into it.

In the spring of 1945, Cecil, Dora and their three children moved to Walker Station, into their fifth house, a house owned by Mrs. Vernie Race. The house was only a few hundred yards from the Walker General Store owned by Cecil's cousins, John and Clara (Lee) Wilcox. The post office and railroad depot was also in the same building as the store. The postmaster was Hazen DeVaughn, who lived next door to Cecil and family. Cecil and family lived in this house for one year while getting the house on their farm ready for occupancy. While living in the Race house, their son, Jim, started to school for his first grade at the two room Walker

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1. Wood County, WV deeds, Deed Book 266, Page 332, recorded 16 March 1945.

School, which bordered their backyard. Jim's first grade teacher was Beryl (Mrs. Andy) Swearingen.

Adjacent to one side of the house and lot owned by Mrs. Race was an old building called the Lodge Hall that was used as a community building. The building belonged to the International Brotherhood of Odd Fellows, but the organization was no longer active in the community. This author remembers attending functions such as "pie socials" in the building. This building was demolished in about 1947.

After moving back to Walker, Cecil purchased a GMC truck and started cutting mining props and hauling them to the mines in Marion and Harrison Counties. At the same time he worked on his new farm, renovating the house and clearing the farm of brush, and planting some crops.

Very soon after moving back to Walker, Cecil purchased a three year old, very large, black colt, named Bob, which Cecil still owned when he died in 1961. This author remembers being very excited when Cecil, on his way to the farm, stopped at the house so his family could see the horse in the back of a truck. "Old Bob" was a very strong, independent, horse. He was used in situations where a team of horses would normally be used. "Old Bob" was a very eccentric horse and had many unusual habits. For example, after being guided once from the woods where he would be working to the sawmill site or wood yard, he would make the succeeding trips by himself. All that was necessary was for a logger to attach the horse to a log and tell him to go. He would start dragging the log to the proper site, stopping to rest occasionally on his way. Bystanders were often startled to see the horse arrive at a site with a log, but without an attendant. Sometimes they were fearful as to what might have happened to the logger.

The former occupant of the house on the farm, Oscar Bays, had died in the house of tuberculosis. One of the first things that Cecil and Dora did was to remove all the old clothes, etc., from the house and place fumigating candles in the house to kill any possible tuberculosis bacteria that they thought might still be present. The house was renovated with the help of Cecil's father, Marvin, and his Uncle, Henry Ware. Fences were built to contain the horse and two cows. A shallow water well was cleaned and the hand pump[1] was repaired, to supply water for the house.

THE MOVE TO THE FARM

After school was out in the spring of 1946, Cecil moved his family to the farm. This was the sixth move that Cecil and Dora had made in the eight years of their marriage. The delay in moving to the farm had been partially due to the fact that Cecil was trying to get electricity connected to the house. This proved to be impossible for quite some time because of the shortage of supplies and the backlog of orders that had developed because of the War. Cecil continued to work long hours cutting and hauling mining props, in addition to working on the farm.

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1. This original hand pump is now in possession of this author.

Life was difficult, living the first year or two in the house without electricity. A gasoline motor was attached to the washing machine; kerosene lamps and a battery-operated radio were used. Natural gas was used for cooking and for partially heating the house. The natural gas supply in Walker was very limited and in very cold weather the pressure would be so low that it would be very difficult to keep a burner lit on the cook stove. A coal/wood stove in the living room supplied most of the heat in the winter time. An ice box was used in warm weather to store perishable foods. Water was carried from a well and from a spring about a hundred yards down the hill from the house. After about two years, the Monongalia Power Company agreed to connect electricity to the house. This required setting several poles to run electricity from the main line. Dora's brother-in-law, Delford Mead, wired the house. After electricity was connected to the house, one of the first purchases made was a refrigerator.

A few years after moving on the farm, a water well was drilled close to the back door of the house. The well was 80 feet deep and was probably the best well in Walker. The well never went dry, or decreased its output of water. Water was taken from the well with a hand drawn 10-quart water bailer attached to a rope. It was several years before an electric pump was connected to the well and water pumped into the house. It was always difficult in the Walker area to "strike" water when drilling wells. Most people made heavy use of cisterns and springs. During dry summers when just about every other well in Walker would go dry, this well would still produce a copious supply of good cool, water. The well was drilled by Bob Jones, who lived on Oak Ridge above Walker Station. Bob used a divining rod (a small forked tree branch) which he claimed located the good supply of underground water and marked the spot to drill the well.

In 1947, Cecil and Dora's last child, Norma Jean was born. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Yeager, whose family had owned the **STEPHENS** farm at one time. Soon after Norma Jean was born, Dora had to have surgery, so Dora's sister, Lula (Jenkins) Layman kept and cared for Norma Jean at her house. Cecil's sister, Ruby, moved into the house temporarily and cared for the older children and kept house.

Dora was sick several times when her children were small and had to be hospitalized several times. Once, Dora and two of the children, Jim and Wilma, all were seriously ill with scarlet fever. Wilma was in the first grade, Jim in the third. Both missed several weeks of school. Wilma missed so much school that it was impossible for her to make up the work and had to repeat the first grade. Dora was hospitalized twice before recovering from the disease. Once when Dora was in the hospital, Cecil's Aunt Alice (**STEPHENS**) Ware moved in to care for the family. This author still can remember the delicious king-size biscuits Aunt Alice made.

Soon after moving to the farm, a basement was dug out under the house. A corn crib and chicken house were built by Uncle Henry Ware. Cecil and son Jim spent the winter months for the first few years cutting and clearing brush on the farm preparing fields to be plowed and for pasture lands. Most of the meat used by the family came from animals raised on the farm,

such as, pigs, chickens, rabbits, and cattle. At least two hogs and one cow were butchered each fall around Thanksgiving.

The animal butchering usually took place under a very large hickory tree on the upper end of the farm. The large limbs of the tree were used to hang the carcasses of the animals to be cleaned and "dressed." Dora's father, Samuel Jenkins, and sometimes Cecil's father, Marvin, helped in the butchering. Very often, Marvin **STEPHENS** and John Johnson would butcher hogs at the same time. The men worked together butchering all their hogs the same day helping each other in the process. Butchering day involved a lot of hard work for every member of the family. The day was started by heating several barrels of water over open fires to be used to scald the hogs after they were killed, so the hair could be easily scraped from their skins. After the hogs were dipped in the hot water, and the hair removed from their skins, the carcasses were hung from tree limbs so they could be cleaned, and cut into pieces. Next, the fat was stripped from the meat and heated to render lard. A lot of the meat, especially the shoulders, was cut into small pieces and ground into sausage meat which was fried and canned, or in later years, frozen. Most of the carcasses was used in some way. The heads were used to make mincemeat and souse, the legs and feet were pickled. The livers, hearts, backbone, and spareribs were used as fresh meat. The sides were cured for bacon, and the hams and some of the shoulders were cured with salt. To start the curing process, the sides, hams, and shoulders were immediately covered with salt and allowed to drain for several days. Next, the meat to be cured was covered with a mixture of salt, pepper, and brown sugar, and wrapped in coarse cloth and hung to cure. A lot of work to be sure, but it was hard to beat the taste of fried ham and bacon that had been prepared in this way.

A couple years after moving to the farm, Cecil starting growing several acres of strawberries and raspberries to sell as a cash crop. This also required a lot of hard work on the part of the whole family. The berry plants had to be planted, hoed, fertilized, pruned, and the blooms removed the first year. Finally, the berries had to be picked which was a "back-breaking" job. Cecil paid his children and several neighbor children 5 to 10 cents per quart to pick the berries. A lot of the berries were used to make jam, jellies, and pies for the family.

For several years, Cecil grew several acres of popcorn which the family would shell from the cobs during the winter evenings to sell the popcorn on the market.

Dora would work hard every summer canning large quantities of vegetables and fruit grown on the farm, or purchased for that purpose. Usually, she would can a minimum of one hundred jars (quarts or 1/2 gallons) of whatever she was processing. She canned green beans, corn, peaches, tomatoes, tomato juice, pickles, apples, apple sauce, plums, beets, grape juice, and rhubarb. She also made and canned many jars of jams, jellies, apple butter, catsup, and various mixtures of relishes. She also canned chickens, beef, and sausage patties. She prepared large stone jars of pickles, sauerkraut, pickled corn, and pickled beans. She also dried beans and apples to be stored for later use.

Many black walnut, white walnut (butternut), and hickory trees grew on the farm. In addition, there were many hazelnut

bushes on the farm. The children would collect and remove the hulls from large quantities of the nuts. Jim sold several bushels of black walnuts each year.

Potatoes and apples were stored in bins in the basement for later use. White corn was grown to be ground into corn meal for use by the family. Earl DeVaughn ground the corn on a per share basis. Some of the yellow corn was chopped to be used as food by the animals on the farm. The family made use of a lot of eggs and milk products produced on the farm. Dora sold cream. She made lots of cottage cheese and butter. Butter was produced by several methods, such as with a large churn and dasher, shaking cream in a large jar until the butter developed, and with a "crank type" two gallon churn. Dora did most of the milking for the first two or three years after moving to the farm.

When Jim was about 9 or 10 years old, he started milking the cows, and continued such until he graduated from high school. During high school years he would have to milk at 5:00 a.m with the use of a kerosene lantern. There were several other chores such as feeding the cows, horse, pigs, and chickens, before going to school. For a few years a goat was also milked. Two of the milk cows were named Star and Bonnie.

A lot of the work on the farm was done with the use of "Old Bob" and sometimes with a second horse which Cecil would purchase from time to time. Most of the cutting of hay and plowing was performed by neighbors who owned large farm tractors. When wheat was grown, a grain thrasher would come through the community sometime during the summer to thrash out the wheat and bale the straw. In the early 1950's, a David Bradley Tiller,[1] sold by Sears, was purchased to use on the farm. This garden tiller was used extensively to cultivate the vegetable gardens, however, the horse and plow was still used to cultivate the large fields of corn. The large lawn was mowed by a push mower until the first gasoline mower was purchased in 1956. Weeds along the fence rows and roadside were mowed with a hand scythe by Cecil and Jim, and later also by Bill.

The family had several different dogs over the years. Perky, the mixed Airedale-shepherd dog that Dora and Cecil had from the time of their marriage, lived for several years on the farm. Cecil's uncle and aunt, Dallas and Cora Lee, had given Perkey to him. They had a small brown dog named Peggy, Beagles named Bob and Rex, a mixed collie/shepherd named Jeff, and an English Spaniel. After Cecil died, Dora had a Beagle named Sadie, and a Cocker Spaniel named Penney.

Cecil continued to be self-employed in various aspects of the timbering business. He cut mining props and hauled them to the mines, leaving between 2 and 3:00 a.m. in order to arrive at the mines when they opened for business. He would haul a load of coal back each day to sell to the neighbors. For several years he worked in partnership with his brother-in-law, Granville Layman, in the sawmill business. They cut timber and produced lumber, crosscut railroad ties, and mining bars. Cecil also continued to cut and sell pulpwood, and in later years this was his primary means of employment.

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1. This tiller is now owned and is still used by this author.

Cecil enjoyed hunting rabbits, squirrels, quail, and deer. Deer hunting was not permitted in Wood County until sometime in the late 1950's, but prior to that time, Cecil would very often go to Tucker County, WV and spend several days hunting deer during the "deer season." Cecil killed one deer, a ten-point buck, in Tucker County.

For about one year in 1949/50, Dora's Uncle Ashford Jenkins, who had never married, lived with the **STEPHENS** family and worked with Cecil cutting pulpwood.

INDIAN ARTIFACTS

One of the interesting discoveries on the farm was the large number of flint arrows, spears, and other flint and stone tools made and used by the American Indians. These were unearthed over the years when the ground was plowed. Much of the farm had never been cultivated until cleared and plowed by Cecil. When new ground was plowed, the children literally filled coffee cans with flint arrows, etc. Most of the collected artifacts were lost over the years. However, this author still has one large flint spear[1] point which was unearthed in about 1953 on the farm.

EXPLORING FOR OIL

The farm was bordered on one length by Walker Creek with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad running along on the opposite side of the creek. The other long length of the farm was bordered by the Walker Road. The railroad and the road crossed to mark the borders of the farm. Just across the creek, perhaps a thousand feet from the farm, there were several producing oil wells. These wells had been drilled many years before Cecil purchased his farm. An eight inch oil pipeline crossed the **STEPHENS** farm and the oil that was pumped from the wells across the creek was fed into the line. Four or five wells were drilled for oil on the farm several years before it was purchased by Cecil. None of the wells had produced enough oil or gas to make them cost effective, so they all had been sealed. Several wells had been drilled for oil in various locations around Walker, but none of them (except the wells across the creek from the farm) produced oil in sufficient quantities to be useful. Of course, the **STEPHENS** farm was located only a few miles from the famous Volcano Oil Field which still produced oil. Every land owner in Walker dreamed of getting rich someday from a backyard oil well. Several oil companies purchased oil leases in the area. Cecil and his family were very excited when a driller, Mr. Horner, decided to drill an oil well on the farm in the late 1940's. While the well was being drilled, Cecil and/or Jim would visit the well every day to get a progress report. Unfortunately, however, as in the case of the wells drilled previously on the farm, traces of oil and gas were discovered, but not enough to make a well a producer; thus, the well was sealed.

Over the years, other oil companies and drillers considered drilling additional wells, but never did so.

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1. This spear is about 4 inches in length, and is mounted in a frame.

A seam of bituminous coal about 30 inches deep ran along the hillside opposite Walker Creek. The former owner of the farm, Oscar Bays, mined the coal to use for heating his home.

STEPHENS GROCERY

It had always been a dream of Cecil's to have his own grocery store. In 1950, Cecil purchased a lot[1] across the road from his father, and in 1951, constructed a small building to be used as a grocery store. The grocery store did a good business, but not good enough that Cecil could spend full time working in the store and quit his timber business. Cecil's father, Marvin **STEPHENS**, and his sister, Martha (**STEPHENS**) Johnson, spent a lot of time working in the store. Jim also spent a lot of time working in the store, especially in the summers. This author especially remembers working in the store and listening on the radio to the Army-McCarthy Hearings, and to the Republican and Democratic Conventions of 1952. Cecil would usually spend one day each week going to Parkersburg to take eggs to market that his patrons had sold to the store during the week, and to purchase wholesale produce and other supplies. In the first year or two that the store was open, Cecil also had to haul the milk and other dairy supplies from Parkersburg for the store. Faud Haught, who was a foreman at Storks Bakery, brought bread from Parkersburg late each evening after he finished his shift. He would leave the bread in his car and Cecil or Marvin would pick up the bread early in the morning and take it to the store. Later, both Parkersburg Dairy and Storks Bakery delivered to the store. Wholesale groceries were first delivered by Kinney's Wholesale Groceries and later by Parkersburg Grocery Company.

In 1951, Cecil built living quarters onto the store building and completed a full basement under the store and house. In 1952, Cecil purchased a small sliver of land[2] adjacent to his lot from John L. and Martha (**STEPHENS**) Johnson to extend the frontage of the store property slightly. Cecil and Dora moved for the seventh time when they moved into the house attached to the store building in 1951 or 1952. This move was a mistake; both Cecil and Dora were soon sorry that they had moved from the farm. After moving from the farm, Cecil sold[3] the farm to Clyde E. Modesitt, on 6 November 1952. Cecil also sold the horse "Old Bob" to a man on Progress Ridge, but he soon learned that the new owner was mean to the horse. After about one month, Cecil bought "Old Bob" back, never to sell him again.

It soon became clear that **STEPHENS** Grocery was never going to do sufficient business so Cecil could quit his timbering business and devote full time to the store. The community was just too small to support such an endeavor. Therefore, in about 1954 or 1955, Cecil closed the store, but he and his family

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1. Wood County, West Virginia Deed, Book 340, Page 80, dated 16 Dec. 1950.

2. Wood County, WV Deeds, Deed dated 14 Nov. 1952, probably not recorded until 13 December 1957.

3. Wood County, WV deeds, Deed Book 360, Page 442, recorded 8 Nov. 1952.

continued to live in the building until the summer of 1956. Cecil soon negotiated with Clyde Modesitt to buy back the farm.

RETURNING TO THE FARM

Cecil purchased the farm[1] back from Clyde E. Modesitt on 7 May 1956. In the summer of 1956, after adding two new bedrooms to the house, Cecil and Dora made their eighth move and returned to their beloved farm. This would be the last move they would make together. The whole family was happy to be back on the farm.

After the move back to the farm, Cecil was busier than ever with his pulpwood business and spent less time farming. There was a big demand for the wood, and soon the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company made plans to open a wood yard at Walker. After the yard was opened, wood could be sold by the truck load, instead of by the railroad car load, which had been the case earlier. Cecil was able to extend his business, buy a second truck, and hire additional workers to help produce the pulpwood.

Cecil soon had a water well drilled in a meadow above the house and started making plans eventually to build a new house, but, this never came about.

Dora's parents continued to live on their farm which could not have, because of the location, telephones, electricity or natural gas. Her father, Samuel Jenkins had a small stroke in about 1955, from which he seemed to recover completely. On Christmas day, 1956, Cecil, Dora, and all their children visited with Dora's parents. Samuel was not feeling well, but refused to allow anyone to take him to see a physician. The weather was very bad at the time, and the ground was covered with a deep snow. It was necessary to walk the last two miles to get to the Jenkins home. Everyone was quite worried about Samuel, so the next day, Jim walked back to check on his grandparents. He found that Samuel had a stroke and was only semi-conscious. Jim walked back to the main road and drove to the nearest phone and called an ambulance. In addition, Jim located a neighbor with a team of horses and a sled. To get Samuel to the hospital, it was necessary to place him on a mattress on the horse-drawn sled and haul him two miles to the waiting ambulance. Samuel had refused to move from the farm, but after he was able to leave the hospital, the family decided that he could not possibly be taken back to the farm. Therefore, Samuel and Rosetta Jenkins were moved into the house that was part of what had been **STEPHENS** Grocery. When Samuel was released from the hospital he was taken to his new home against his will. He was never again to see his farm. Samuel never recovered from the stroke and was a bed patient until he died in 1961.

Dora's brother Clyde made his home with Samuel and Rosetta Jenkins, but he worked away on the railroad, and was home only on weekends. In December 1957, Clyde purchased[2] the store property from Cecil and Dora.

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1. Wood County deeds, Book ___, Page ___, dated 7 May 1956.

2. Wood County, WV Deeds, Deed Book 416, Page 490, dated 13 Dec. 1957.

EDUCATION

Jim, the oldest child of Cecil and Dora, graduated with an eighth grade diploma from Walker Grade School in 1953 with the highest high school entrance scores of his class of five boys and seven girls. Eventually, all four of the children would graduate from the two-room (later, three-room) school.

To attend Parkersburg High School, which was about 25 miles away, it was necessary to ride two buses. The first bus took the children from Walker to Kanawha Station, where they boarded a second bus which took the children on to the high school. Jim graduated from Parkersburg High School in 1957, and later all of his siblings would also be graduated from the same school.

In the fall of 1957, Jim entered West Virginia University, the first of his family to attend college. Jim rented an apartment at 9 Grant Ave., in Morgantown, WV, which was shared with his roommate, Kendall Cain, from Cairo, Ritchie Co., WV. Kendall's father was also in the pulpwood business. Cecil and Dora took Jim to Morgantown in a two-ton truck loaded with boxes of canned food and supplies to last him for several months. Jim had very little money, so it was necessary to take as much of his food from home as possible. Almost immediately, Jim found a job working at Cosmopolitan Lunch and worked there during his freshman year. Eventually, Jim graduated from West Virginia University with a B.S. degree in Chemistry, and later from Marshall University with an M.S. degree in Chemistry, and still later from The University of Tennessee with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Chemistry. Jim eventually became a chemistry professor, and later an associate dean, at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC. Thus, in one generation, the family bridged the gap from an eighth grade education to the highest college degree awarded!

None of Jim's siblings attended college, but his sister, Wilma, married a college graduate, Virgil Leroy Conrad, who was graduated with a B.A. degree in education from Alderson-Broaddus College, Philippi, WV. Later, Virgil received a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from West Virginia University.

MOTOR VEHICLES

The first car Cecil owned was a 1932 Model A Ford coupe. Later he owned a 1930's model Chevrolet. During most of his adult life, Cecil owned one or more large trucks to be used in hauling mining props, pulpwood, lumber, etc. He, at various times owned a 1920's or 1930's Indiana truck, a 1948 International truck, a 1950 or 1951 Dodge truck, and a 1956 or 1957 Chevrolet truck. At the time of his death in 1961, he owned two large trucks, a 1960 special equipped GMC and a 1959 Chevrolet. Sometimes in the early years, Cecil would own only a large truck, so the truck would also serve as the family car. Jim and Wilma would ride on the bed of the truck to church, etc. He purchased a new blue 1949 Chevrolet pickup. Cecil purchased a 1941 green and white Dodge car from his brother John in about 1950. Later, he purchased a used blue 1951 Dodge car, which was the car Jim learned to drive and in 1956, took his driver's exam

in. The last car Cecil was to purchase was a new 1959 green, 2-door, Chevrolet Belair, which he still owned at the time of his death. Cecil also had purchased just before his death, a large 1961 John Deere tractor with an end-loader and blade to use in the woods to build roads and pull logs. Cecil also owned three chain saws at the time of his death.

THE DEATH OF CECIL

The year 1961 was a tragic year for the Cecil **STEPHENS** family. Son Jim spent 97 days during the fall and winter of 1960-61 in the West Virginia University hospital with a serious illness. The weather was very harsh during the winter of 1960-61. Cecil and his crew were not able to work much producing pulpwood; thus, he was having a tough time financially. Dora's father died in June 1961 after a long illness. Dora spent several weeks in the hospital in July 1961 with a kidney problem. Cecil was killed,[1] at age 47, by a falling tree on 29 July 1961.

Cecil would buy tracts of standing timber and then hire several men to help harvest the pulpwood. After the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company opened a wood yard at Walker for the purpose of buying pulpwood, Cecil expanded his operation by buying a second truck and employing additional men. During the last year of his life, his[2] ledgers show that he employed the following men: Rila Heldreth, Andy Spears, Jack McCray, Carl Saloons, Clarence Allen, Howard DeGoines, Lee Settles, James Modesitt, Roy Trembly, Bud Spears, Walter Swearingen, Kermit Farr, James Anderson, Ralph Ware, and Harold McClung. Usually, he had five men working full time at any one time. Rila Heldreth, Andy Spears, and Jack McCray had worked full-time for several years for Cecil. Usually two additional men from the list above were employed on any given day. Cecil's ledgers also show, for example, that his gross sales for pulpwood for June, 1961, was $4,460.78.

Usually, Cecil and his men did not work on Saturdays, except when they were making up for days missed because of bad weather. On Saturday, 29 July 1961, two of Cecil's men, Rila Heldreth and Andy Spears, along with Cecil's son, Bill, went to work cutting pulpwood from a tract of timber on Oak Ridge, above Walker Station. Cecil went to Parkersburg to pay bills, see his tax accountant, and take care of other business. He had not intended to work in the woods that day. However, when he returned to Walker from Parkersburg that day shortly after lunch, he decided to stop by the timber tract and see how his men were doing. Cecil still had on his street clothes, not his heavy duty work clothes, but he noticed a tree on the ground below a bank where the other men were working that he wanted to saw in pieces for some reason. He grabbed a chain saw, started the engine of the saw, and began to saw the tree while Rila, Andy, and Bill were

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1. "Man Killed by Falling Tree," The Parkersburg News, 30 July 1961, page 1.

2. Record Book belonging to Cecil Stephens for the years 1960-61, now in the possession of this author.

sawing down a tree on a bank above him. The tree that the men were cutting down was partially dead and it suddenly snapped off and started falling in the opposite direction from where the men were trying to direct the tree. The tree headed directly for Cecil with the men yelling at him. However, Cecil would not have been able to hear the warnings over the noise of his chain saw. He probably never saw the tree which hit him squarely, crushed his head, killing him instantly.

In the confusion that followed, it took quite some time for Cecil's son Bill to retrieve the car keys from Cecil's pocket, drive to Walker Store, and call an ambulance. After the ambulance arrived, it took some time to carry the body from the woods to the ambulance. Meanwhile, Cecil's father, Marvin, got word of the accident and arrived at the edge of the woods on Oak Ridge just in time to see the ambulance go by with a sheet over Cecil's body. Marvin collapsed with an apparent mild heart attack. Cecil was declared dead on arrival at Camden Clark Memorial Hospital.

About two p.m. that afternoon, Dora's brother, Dencil, called her son Jim who was attending the summer session at West Virginia University, Morgantown. One of Jim's roommates, Gary McKown, drove Jim back to Walker that afternoon.

Cecil's funeral[1] was conducted at Mt. Carmel E.U.B. church on Tuesday, August 1, 1961, at 2:00 p.m., by the Rev. Lonnie Armentrout. Burial was in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, across the road from the church. Funeral arrangements were by Shaver & Co., Funeral Home. Pallbearers were: Okey Jenkins, Dencil Jenkins, Rev. Howard Jenkins, Howard Jenkins, Jr., Robert Jenkins, G. W. Layman, William Caplinger, and Delford Mead, Jr. Two of the hymns sung at the funeral were long time favorites of Cecil, "Precious Memories," and "Further Along." It was necessary to delay the funeral for a day because one of Cecil's brothers was traveling between Ohio and Colorado and could not be immediately located. A very large crowd attended the funeral, probably one of the largest groups of people ever to be assembled at Mt. Carmel Church, where Cecil had been a long time member.

In February 1957, Cecil's son Jim typed a will for Cecil following a format of a sample will in a typing textbook. This simple will was dated 13 February 1957, and was probated[2] on 5 August 1961. The will bequeathed Cecil's entire estate to his wife, Dora. The will did not specify an Executor, so the County Court appointed Cecil's son, Jim, as Administrator, C.T.A., of the estate, with Marvin F. **STEPHENS** serving as security for Jim. Attorney Jack L. Miller served as attorney for the estate, and Daniel B. Douglass was appointed by the County Court as Commissioner of Accounts. The final settlement of the estate was ordered on 26 June 1962.

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1. Obituary, The Parkersburg News, 30 July 1989.

2. Wood County, WV deeds, Deed Book 33, Page 99, 5 August 1961.

DORA MOVES TO MORGANTOWN, WV

Jim was not able to return to the summer session at West Virginia University after Cecil died. It would only be about one month after Cecil's funeral until the fall semester would begin at West Virginia University. A quick decision would have to be made as to what family arrangements would have to be made for the immediate future. Dora was now a widow at age 43, Jim was now 22 years old, Wilma was 20, Bill 17, and Norma Jean 14. Bill would be in the 12'th grade, and Norma Jean in the 10th grade. Dr. Russell Yeager, the long time physician for the **STEPHENS** family, was concerned that Dora, who was in poor health, was going to have a "nervous break-down" if immediate intervention was not made. Dr. Yeager recommended, that if possible, Dora be moved away from the farm, at least temporarily. It was soon decided that Jim would return to West Virginia University for the fall semester and that his family would move to Morgantown with him.

Earlier in the summer before Cecil died, he had retired his horse, "Old Bob," from the woods and turned him loose to roam in the pastures of the farm. At age 20, the horse was too old to continue working full-time in the woods as a logging horse. "Old Bob" was thought of as part of the family and it was very important to the **STEPHENS** family that he be well taken care of during his remaining years. Mr. Virgil L. Conrad, had a need for a horse to help haul logs for firewood to his house from the nearby woods. It soon became obvious "Old Bob" would have a good home with the Conrad family, so the horse was given to Mr. Conrad on a "permanent loan." The horse lived the rest of his life on the Conrad farm.

A furnished house was rented on Highland Ave. in Morgantown and Dora, Jim, Wilma, Bill, and Norma Jean, all moved to Morgantown before the end of August 1961. A married University student and his wife were living in the basement apartment of the house. Bill began his senior year at a Morgantown High School, and Norma Jean entered the eighth grade. Wilma obtained a job with the West Virginia University Medical Center, and Jim began his classes at the University. Dora took care of the family. This was a very difficult period for the **STEPHENS** family, but it was made easier by the support and frequent visits of the Virgil Conrad family.

The Conrad family, consisting of Virgil Lee, wife Ruby, sons Troy, and Virgil Leroy, and daughter, Sue, had a few months before Cecil's death moved from Randolph Co., WV, to the Walker farm they had just purchased from Dora's Aunt, Fannie Hyde. The Conrads were also members of Mt. Carmel Church. Bill **STEPHENS** was soon dating Sue Conrad. As soon as Ruby and Sue heard of Cecil's death, they visited with Dora and were ever present the next several days and weeks lending support and comfort to Dora and the family. Dora and Ruby became very good friends, as did Jim and Virgil Leroy. Leroy had just graduated from college and was looking for a job. Virgil Lee, and son Troy still worked in Randolph County, and commuted to and from Walker. After the **STEPHENS** family moved to Morgantown, the Conrad family visited with them just about every weekend. Instead of going to Walker, Virgil, and Troy would travel to Morgantown, as would Ruby, Leroy, and Sue. The Conrad family was very supportive of the

STEPHENS family and their visits were especially important for Dora's state of mind. Virgil Leroy Conrad soon started dating Wilma, and they were married the following summer. Meanwhile, Leroy began his career in Social Services when he was hired by the Ritchie County Department of Social Services. Bill and Sue continued to date, but that relationship never developed.

Norma Jean adjusted to her new school and did very well. However, Bill had witnessed the death of his father and remained deeply troubled. He had always been a very good student, but he did not like the school in Morgantown and did not do well in his classes. He really wanted to be graduated from Parkersburg, High School. Thus, in the spring of 1962, Bill withdrew from school in Morgantown. He purchased a 1953 Ford car and returned to Walker to wait the return of the rest of the family.

DORA AND FAMILY RETURNS TO WALKER

During the nine months Dora and family lived in Morgantown, the farm house in Walker was completely renovated. A bathroom was installed for the first time, a hot water tank was installed, new porches were built, cedar shingle siding was added, a gas furnace was installed, etc.

In late May, 1962, after Jim finished the semester, and Norma Jean was out of school, Dora and family moved back to the farm in Walker. Jim spent the summer painting and working on the house. Dora was busy planning the reception for the impending July marriage of Wilma. After their marriage, Wilma and Leroy moved to Cairo, Ritchie County, WV. In September, 1962, Bill and Norma Jean returned to Parkersburg High School, and Jim returned to Morgantown to complete his final year at West Virginia University.

HOLLY ALLEN

Dora Lee (Jenkins) **STEPHENS** married[1] a widower, Holly Allen, on 18 January 1965 in Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia. Holly and Dora continued living on Dora's farm.

Holly Allen was born[2] 11 October 1918 in Millstone, Calhoun County, West Virginia, the son of James Filden Allen and Almira Bailey.

Holly first married Vera Hathaway and moved to Wood County, West Virginia. Holly and Vera had two sons, Dale Allen and Clinton D. Allen. Vera died and Holly raised his two sons alone.

Holly worked for many years for the West Virginia State Road Commission, but was forced to retire early on medical disability. Even though Holly suffered for many years with myasthenia gravis, a rare, very severe, muscular disorder, he was a master wood craftsman. His family have many beautiful pieces of his hand crafted wood products. Holly designed and built many of his own tools and farm implements. He once built a wood splitter from a

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1. Wood County, West Virginia marriage records.

2. Obiturary, which Holly wrote for himself before his death, now in possession of author.

hay baler. A local newspaper[1] ran an article, including pictures, featuring Holly and his invention.

Holly died[2] at age 66, after a long illness, on 30 April 1985 in Camden Clark Memorial Hospital, Parkersburg, West Virginia. His funeral was conducted on Friday, 3 May 1985, at 9:30 a.m., at the Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg, WV, by the Rev. Parker Hinzman and the Rev. Billy Sams. He was buried in the Sturm Cemetery, near Millstone, Calhoun County, WV.[3]

THE LAST FAMILY REUNION ON THE FARM AT WALKER

On Sunday, 28 July 1985, all members of Dora's family met for one last family reunion on the family farm at Walker, WV. It was a happy time for the family in that they were all able to get together, but it was sad knowing that the farm would soon have to be sold. The reunion was attended by Jim and Nancy (Harman) **STEPHENS**, and daughter Emily; Virgil Leroy and Wilma (**STEPHENS**) Conrad, and sons Christopher and David; Bill and Barbara (Leach) **STEPHENS**; Eddie and Norma Jean (**STEPHENS**) Nichols, daughter Tina, and son Eddie, Jr. Norma Jean's daughter, Tina (Nichols) Shaw also had her son David Shaw at the reunion. A total of fifteen family members were in attendance. In addition, Leroy's mother and brother, Ruby and Troy Conrad, attended the reunion.

DORA LEAVES THE FARM

In the winter before Holly Allen's death, Dora suffered a stroke from which she did not fully recover. It soon became clear that Dora, now a widow for the second time and in poor health, could not continue living alone for another winter in Walker on the farm. Thus, in September, 1985, Dora moved from the farm for the last time and went to live in Vienna, WV, in Pleasant View Towers, on 9th and 13th Streets. The contents of the farm house, tools, farm implements, etc. were sold at public auction[4] on Saturday, 21 September 1985, by Auctioneer R. P. "Sonny" Haynes.

The farm was placed on the market to be sold[5] by the Parkersburg Realty Company on 27 July 1985. The farm was sold[6] in June 1987 to Joe Galloway, a life-long resident of Walker. Joe rebuilt the house and moved in during the fall of 1989.

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1. Nick Scala, "Retired Local Man Designs Machines," The Parkersburg Sentinel, ca. 1979.

2. Obituary, The Parkersburg News, 2 May 1985.

3. Holly Allen's will dated 17 June 1967 and probated in May 1985, Wood County, WV.

4. Handbill advertising the auction in the possession of author.

5. Residential Appraisal Report completed by Ted Gaston, Parkersburg Reality Company.

6. Letter from Ted Gaston, Parkersburg Reality Co., dated 8 June 1987.

After about a year, in December, 1986, Dora moved to Marietta, Georgia, to be near her daughter and son-in-law, Wilma and Virgil Leroy Conrad. Dora moved into Sterling Crest Apartments. In March, 1987, Dora suffered her second, more serious stroke, which resulted in one side being partially paralyzed which affected her speech. After a long, difficult, rehabilitation period, she lived several months with her daughter Wilma, and almost completely recovered from her stroke. In February, 1989, Dora moved back into Sterling Crest Apartments, where she is still living in January, 1990.

In January, 1990, Dora has a total of five grandchildren, and two great-grandsons, David and Duane Shaw, the sons of granddaughter, Tina (Nichols) Shaw.

WILMA LEE STEPHENS CONRAD

Wilma Lee **STEPHENS** was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia on 23 July 1941. She completed her education at Walker Grade School, and Parkersburg High School.

After graduating from high school, Wilma worked as a salesperson for the G. C. Murphy Co. until she moved to Morgantown, WV, with her family after Cecil died. While in Morgantown, Wilma worked at the West Virginia University Hospital.

Wilma married Virgil Leroy Conrad on 8 July 1962 in Walker, WV, at the old Mt. Carmel Church. The marriage ceremony was performed by Virgil Leroy's brother-in-law, the Rev. Parker Hinzman. Wilma was "given away" by her brother, Jim. Leroy was born in Randolph Co., WV, the son of Virgil Lee Conrad and Ruby Elizabeth Jones.

Virgil Leroy Conrad graduated from Alderson-Broaddus College, Philippi, WV, with a B.A. degree. He graduated from West Virginia University with a M.S. degree in Public Administration. Leroy worked with the social services department in several West Virginia counties. He eventually became a deputy director of social services in West Virginia, and later, director of social services for the state of South Carolina. Leroy has worked in Washington, D.C. as a Deputy Administrator for the Family Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. He is now, in 1990, the Regional Administrator for the Southern Region of the Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Atlanta, Georgia.

Wilma and Leroy live (1990) in Marietta, Georgia. They have two sons, Christopher Leroy and David Ray. Christopher was born 3 February 1964 in Parkersburg, WV. David was born 29 December 1968 in Charleston, WV. Christopher graduated from Kennesaw College in 1989 and entered law school in the fall of 1990. David graduated with honors from Georgia Tech University in 1991.

WILLIAM (BILL) JOSEPH STEPHENS

William (Bill) Joseph **STEPHENS**, the second son of Cecil and Dora, was born on Friday, 4 August 1944, at 3:30 a.m., in Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia.

After graduating from Parkersburg High School, Bill joined the U.S. Army and served three years, most of the time in Korea.

On Valentine's Day, 14 February 1969, Bill married[1] Barbara Leach of Belpre, Ohio. Barbara is the daughter of John Samuel Leach and Minnie Catherine Simmons.

Before going to the Army, Bill worked at Stork's Bakery in Parkersburg. After returning from the Army, he began working in 1968 at Remington-Rand in Marietta, and was on medical leave when he died. The Remington-Rand plant changed ownership and was renamed several times over the years. The plant was known as Kardex in 1989.

In November, 1986, after being quite ill for several weeks, Bill had surgery in which his diseased spleen was removed. After several weeks, Bill still was ill and he was sent to The Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH, for medical tests. It was then discovered that he had a brain tumor, which was surgically removed in March 1987. The tumor was benign, but Bill suffered complications during and following the surgery, including suffering several strokes. He spent several months at the Cleveland Clinic, and later at the Rehabilitation Center at Ohio State University. Even though Bill spent many weeks at the rehabilitation center undergoing painful physical and psychological therapy, he only had a partial recovery. For almost three years Bill struggled courageously at his home in Belpre, OH, with the undaunted help of this wife Barbara, to regain his health. He lost his struggle when he died at his home on Friday, 19 January 1990.[2]

Bill's funeral was conducted at Leavitt Funeral Home, Belpre, OH, on 22 January 1990, by the Rev. Lawrence Conger and the Rev. John Longfellow. Burial was at the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Belpre, Ohio.

NORMA JEAN (SIS) STEPHENS NICHOLS

Norma Jean (Sis) **STEPHENS** was born in Parkersburg, WV on 21 February 1947. She attended Walker School, one year at a high school in Monongalia County, WV, and graduated from Parkersburg High School. After graduating from high school, Sis married Eddie Duane Nichols in Parkersburg, WV, on 10 July 1966. Eddie is the son of Bert Webster Nichols and Alta Mae Heck.

Eddie retired from the Navy after twenty years in the service. He and sis are now divorced, and he lives in Walker, WV.

Sis and Eddie are the parents of daughter Tina Nichols Shaw, and son, Eddie **STEPHENS** Nichols.

Tina married Mr. Shaw, and is the mother of two sons, David and Duane. She is now divorced. and is living in Virginia Beach, VA, where she is now taking courses at a junior college.

Sis married William Leroy (Bo) Dean, 23 Nov. 1991 in Marietta, GA. Sis and Bo (1991) live in Florida.

Sis was, before her second marriage, a vice president of Sovran Bank, Virginia Beach, VA.

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1. "Miss Leach Is Bride of William Stephens," The Parkersburg Sentinel," 15 March 1969, page 6.

2. Obituary, The Parkersburg News, 21 January 1990, page __.

SECTION 2.
Miscellaneous Documents

WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA DEEDS
Deed Book 216, Page 458

J. M. WILCOX AND CLARA WILCOX TO CECIL STEPHENS
Dated 21 April 1937

THIS DEED, Made this 21st day of April, 1937, between J. M. Wilcox and Clara Wilcox, his wife, parties of the first part, and Cecil Stevens, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of $350.00, of which $50.00 is in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and the residue of $300.00, with interest thereon, to be paid at the rate of $10.00 a month, as evidenced by an interest bearing note, bearing even date herewith, for the said sum of $300.00 made by the said Cecil Stevens and payable as aforesaid to the order of the said J. M. Wilcox, and to secure the payment of the said deferred installments of the purchase money and the interest thereof a vendor's lien is hereby retained on the property hereinafter described and conveyed, the said parties of the first part have bargained and sold and do grant and convey into the said party of the second part, with covenants of general warranty, all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in the District of Walker, County of Wood and State of West Virginia, on the Waters of Goose Creek and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the center of the Freeport and Volcano Roads a corner of Nichols, and running thence N. 77 E. 48 1/2 poles to a stone with white oak pointers, corner to Bickel and Stevens; thence S. 89 1/2 E. 46 poles to a stone in the E. P. Modesitt and Stevens lines; thence S. 40 1/2 W. 88 poles to a stone in the center of said road, and white oak pointers; thence with the meanderings of said road N. 75 1/2 W. 12 poles; N. 51 1/4 W. 6 poles; N. 63 1/4 W. 6 poles; N. 49 1/2 W. 10 poles; N. 19 1/2 W. 10 poles; N. 8 W. 6 poles; N. 25 1/2 __ 8 poles; N. 5 1/2 E. 10 poles; N. 13 1/2 W. 6 poles to the place of beginning, containing 28 acres, more or less, and being the same property conveyed to J. M. Wilcox by Georgie Beaudrie and husband, by deed dated the 26th day of March, 1937, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Wood County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 216, at page 273.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lot, tract or parcel of land, together with all and singular the appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever.

WITNESS the following signatures and seals.

(DOC. STAMP $.50) J. M. Wilcox (Seal)
Clara Wilcox (Seal)

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
WOOD COUNTY, TO WIT:

I. A. D. Ireland, a Notary Public within and for the said County of Wood, do certify that J. M. Wilcox and Clara Wilcox, his wife, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date the 21st day of April, 1937, have this day acknowledged the same before me in my said county.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of April, 1937.
My commission expires June 18, 1941.

A. D. Ireland, Notary Public.

Recorded this the 10th day of May, 1937.

Teste: Earl Wolfe, Jr. <seal>
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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, Wood County, WV
15 April 1938

Miss Jenkins Is Bride of Sat.

The marriage of Miss Dora Jenkins and Cecil **STEPHENS**, both of Walker, W. VA. took place at 1 o'clock yesterday in the parsonage of the Seventh Street United Brethern Church. The pastor, the Rev. E. Ray Cole, officiated, reading the single ring ceremony. Mrs. Nellie Moore, sister of the bride, was the only attendant.

For the wedding the bride wore a blue outfit with gray accessories, while Mrs. Moore, wore a rose suit with black accessories.

Mrs. Cecil **STEPHENS** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jenkins, of Walker, W. VA. Mr. **STEPHENS** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin **STEPHENS**, also of Walker. The couple will reside in Walker.

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV
31 July 1961

Funeral Services
Cecil Francis Stephens

Funeral services for Cecil F. **STEPHENS**, 47, Rt. 3, Walker, who was killed Saturday in a timbering accident, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday from Mt. Carmel EUB Church by the Rev. Lonnie Armentrout. Burial will be in the church cemetery under direction of Shaver and Co. funeral home.

The body will remain at the funeral home until noon Tuesday, then be taken to the church for services.

Pall bearers have been named as Okey Jenkins, Dencle Jenkins, the Rev. Howard Jenkins, Howard Jenkins, Jr., Robert Jenkins, G. W. Layman, William Caplinger and Delford Mead, Jr.

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV
1 August 1961

Funeral Services
Cecil Francis Stephens

Funeral services for Cecil F. **STEPHENS**, 47, Rt. 3, Walker, who was killed Saturday in a timbering accident will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at Mt. Carmel EUB Church, Walker.

The Rev. Lonnie Armentrout will officiate and burial will be in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Okey Jenkins, the Rev. Howard Jenkins, Howard Jenkins, Jr., Robert Jenkins, G.W. Layman, William Caplinger and Delford Mead, Jr.

Friends may call at the Shaver & Co. funeral home until noon, when the body will be taken to the church.

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Pages 1 and 4
Parkersburg, Wood County, WV
30 July 1961

Man Killed by Falling Tree
Walker Resident is Victim

Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**, 47, of Rt. 3, Walker, was dead on arrival yesterday afternoon at Candem-Clark Memorial hospital after being struck in the head by a tree during a pulp wood operation near Walker, it was learned at the hospital.

A member of the family said **STEPHENS** had several men employed on the operation in which pulp wood was cut and sold to the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. yard at Walker.

State Police said a dead tree broke in two while being cut down and struck **STEPHENS**.

The family spokesman said **STEPHENS** was using a power saw to cut wood, while employees were cutting down the tree on a bank above him. They shouted to him when the tree started falling but apparently the noise of the saw drowned out their warning shouts and **STEPHENS** looked up just as the tree struck him.

The accident occurred about a half mile off the Oak Grove Rd. A Shaver ambulance was summoned and was taken to within 1,000 yards of the accident scene. A stretcher was used to carry **STEPHENS** to the ambulance. He was rushed to the hospital where medical personnel said he had suffered a fractured skull.

Dr. Richard W. Corbitt, Wood county coroner, was notified and permission was given to remove the body to Shaver and Co. funeral home where arrangements for services and burial were incomplete last night.

The victim was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin F. **STEPHENS** of Walker, Rt. 3. He was married to Mrs. Dora Lee **STEPHENS**. A son, James Francis **STEPHENS** is a student at West Virginia University and arrived home last evening after being notified of the accident. Another son, William Joseph **STEPHENS**, 16, was working on the timber project when the accident occurred.

Other survivors include two daughters, Miss Wilma Lee **STEPHENS** and Miss Norma Jean **STEPHENS** , both at home. Two brothers, John R. **STEPHENS** of Cleveland, O., and George I. **STEPHENS**, Denver, Colo.; seven sisters, Mrs. Cecil Harris, Parkersburg; Mrs. William Johnson,

Vienna; Mrs. Samuel Gray of Texas; Mrs. John Johnson, Walker; Mrs. Rodney Cantwell, Vienna; Mrs. James Hamilton, Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. Morton Frey, Dallison.

He had been a member of Mt. Carmel United Brethren Church at Walker for a number of years.

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, West Virginia

September 1952

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Jenkins
Honored on Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Jenkins of Walker, celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary with "open house" September 7.

They were married Sept. 6, 1906, in Wood County. The bride of 46 years ago is the former Rosetta Hyde, daughter of the late A.S. and Lavilla Hyde of Walker. Mr. Jenkins is the son of the late Samuel J. and Elsie Jenkins of Eatons. They are the parents of eight children, nineteen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

An informal buffet dinner was served to the following: Clyde Robert Jenkins, Walker; Mr. and Mrs. Okey S. Jenkins and daughter, Janet Lee, Parkersburg; Mr. and Mrs. Dencil M. Jenkins and children, Robert, Anne and Larry, Walker; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Layman and son, Edward, Walker; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil **STEPHENS** and children, James, Wilma Lee, William and Norma Jean, Walker; Mr. and Mrs. D. U. Mead Sr., and daughter Karen Sue, Parkersburg. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Farnsworth, Parkersburg; Mrs. Elsie Farnsworth, Vienna; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jenkins, Eatons. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hyde, Eatons, and Miss Virginia Hayes, Parkersburg.

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, Wood County, WV
12 June 1961

Obituary
Samuel (Bud) Jenkins

Samuel J. (Bud) Jenkins, 78, of Walker, Wood County, died at 5 a.m. Sunday in Camden-Clark Memorial hospital following an extended illness.

He was born Mar. 23, 1883 in Ritchie County, son of Samuel J. and Elsie Johnson Jenkins, and was a member of the Mt. Carmel EUB Church. He had resided in Wood County for the major part of his life.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Rosetta Hyde Jenkins; four sons, Clyde R. and Dencle M. Jenkins, both of Walker, Okey Jenkins of Parkersburg, and Howard Jenkins of Parsons; three daughters, Mrs. Lula Layman and Mrs. Dora **STEPHENS**, both of Walker, and Mrs. D. U. Mead of Parkersburg; one brother, Raymond Jenkins of Walker; two sisters, Mrs. Elsie Farnsworth of Vienna, and Mrs. Fannie Hyde of Walker; 19 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Mt. Carmel EUB Church, with the Rev. Lonnie Armentrout officiating, and burial will be in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Leavitt funeral home until 1 p.m. Tuesday, at which time the body will be taken to the church.

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, Wood County, WV
13 June 1961

Funeral Services
Samuel J. (Bud) Jenkins

Final rites for Samuel J. (Bud) Jenkins, 78, Walker, Wood County, who died Sunday in Camden-Clark Memorial hospital, will be held at 2 p.m. today at Mt. Carmel EUB Church, Walker.

The Rev. Lonnie Armentrout will officiate and burial will be in Mt. Carmel cemetery.

Friends may call at the Leavitt funeral home until 1 p.m., when the body will be taken to the church.

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, West Virginia
Thursday, October 18, 1979
Page 12

Obituary
Mrs. Rosetta Jenkins

Mrs. Rosetta Mary Jenkins, 88, Route 2, Walker, died Wednesday morning at the Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Braxton County, a daughter of Sylvester and Viola Davis Hyde. She was a member of the Mount Carmel United Methodist Church Walker.

She is survived by four sons, Clyde R., Walker; Okey S., Elkins, Howard B., Wimauma, Fla., and Dencle M. of Elizabeth; three daughters, Mrs. Lula B. Layman and Mrs. Dora Allen, both of Walker, and Nellie Mead, Parkersburg; 22 grandchildren; a number of great-grandchildren, and a great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, S.J. (Bud) Jenkins; a son, Kenneth; two brothers, a sister and three grandchildren.

Services will be conducted 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Leavitt Funeral Home. The Rev. Joe Life will officiate, with burial in the Mount Carmel Cemetery, Walker.

Friends may call at the funeral home after noon today.

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, West Virginia
21 January 1990

Obituary
WILLIAM STEPHENS

William (Bill) **STEPHENS**, 45, of Route 1, Belpre, died Friday at his residence following an extended illness.

He was born in Wood County, son of Dora Lee Jenkins Allen of Marietta, Ga., and the late Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**. He was a member of the Apostolic faith, had worked for Kardex in Marietta from 1968-86, and had been a minister in this area. He graduated from Parkersburg High School and was an Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Barbara **STEPHENS**; one brother, Dr. James Francis **STEPHENS** of Laurinburg, NC; two sisters, Wilma Lee Conrad of Marietta, GA, and Norma Nichols of Virginia Beach, VA; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Services will be held 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Leavitt Funeral Home, Belpre, with the Rev. Lawrence Conger and the Rev. and Mrs. John Longfellow officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery, Belpre.

Friends may call at the funeral home.

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, West Virginia
22 January 1990

Funeral Services
WILLIAM STEPHENS

Today, 2:30 p.m., Leavitt Funeral Home, Belpre. Burial, Evergreen Cemetery, Belpre.

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WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA DEED
Deed Book 266, Page 332

RUTH SOLE BAYS TO CECIL F. AND DORA LEE STEPHENS
Dated 14 March 1945

THIS DEED made this 14th day of March, 1945, between Ruth Sole Bays, widow, party of the first part and C. F. **STEPHENS** and Dora Lee **STEPHENS**, husband and wife, parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Hundred ($1500.00) Dollars, cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part have bargained an sold and do grant and convey unto the said parties of the second part, jointly during their joint lives and after the death of either of them, unto the survivor of them, with covenants of general warranty, all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, situated in the District of Walker, County of Wood and State of West Virginia, and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the County Road and the South line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company's right of way, a corner to H. D. Lee, and running thence with said south line of said right of way N. 59 3/4 E. 176 poles to a point in Walker's creek and corner to Blackwell's land; thence with the line of Blackwell, S. 46 E. 78 3/4 poles to a stone pile, a corner to Raymond C. Modesitt; thence with line of Modesitt, S. 53 1/2 W. 60 poles to a stake on the north bank of the County Road and corner to F.C. Modesitt; thence with the center of the County Road and with lines of F. C. Modesitt, S. 51 3/4 W. 23 poles; S. 62 1/4 W. 16 poles; N. 31 1/2 W. 19 poles; West 6 poles; S. 41 1/2 W. 18 poles; S. 61 1/2 W. 19 poles to a stake on the south bank of the road and corner to H. D. Lee and F. C. Modesitt; thence with Lee's line N. 73 W. 32 3/4 poles; N. 52 W. 27 poles, crossing Walker's Creek Bridge; N. 81 W. 8 poles; S. 85 W. 24 poles to the beginning, containing 70 1/4 acres, be the same more or less.

This conveyance is made subject to a lease for oil and gas purposes made by Ruth Bays to the Tri-State Oil Company, dated March 2, 1942, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Wood County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 237, at page 248.

And being the same property conveyed to the said Ruth Sole Bays by John B. Yeager and wife and John M. Wilcox and wife, by deed dated the 6th day of March, 1937, and recorded in the Clerk's office aforesaid in Deed Book No. 216 at page 110.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lot, tract or parcel of land, together with all and singular the appurtenances thereto belonging, unto the said parties of the second part, jointly during their joint lives and after the death of either of them, unto the survivor of them, his or her heirs and assigns forever.

WITNESS the following signature and seal.

Ruth Sole Bays <seal>

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF WOOD, to-wit:

I, A. D. Ireland, a Notary Public within and for the County of Wood, do certify that Ruth Sole Bays, widow, whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date the 14th day of March, 1945, has this day acknowledged the same before me in my said County.

Given under my hand this 14th day of March, 1945.

My commission expires June 18th, 1951.

A. D. Ireland <seal>
Notary Public

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF WOOD, TO-WIT:
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT OF WOOD COUNTY.

The foregoing paper writing was this day March 16, 1945, at 4:21 P.M., presented for record in my office, and thereupon, together with the certificate thereto annexed, is submitted to record.

Teste: Earl Wolfe, Jr. <seal> Clerk

County Court of Wood County

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WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA DEEDS
Deed Book 416, Page 490

CECIL F. STEPHENS AND DORA LEE STEPHENS TO C. R. JENKINS
Dated 13 December 1957

THIS DEED, Made this 13th day of December, 1957, by and between CECIL F. **STEPHENS** and DORA LEE **STEPHENS**, his wife, parties of the first part, and C. R. JENKINS, part of the second part,

WITNESSETH: - That for and in consideration of the sum of Five ($5.00) Dollars, cash in hand paid, and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part do hereby grant and convey, with covenants of general warranty unto the said party of the second part, all those certain lots, tracts, or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the District of Walker, County of Wood and State of West Virginia, described as follows:

FIRST TRACT:

BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of E. M. Varner's 2.7 Acre lot; thence with a line of same along the Road E. 93 feet and leaving Road S. 15 degrees E. 100 feet; thence S. 63 degrees W. 67 feet to the outside line of said land; thence with the same N. 26 1/2 degrees W. 139 feet to the place of beginning, containing One-fifth (1/5) of an acre, being the same lot, tract or parcel of land conveyed to Cecil F. **STEPHENS** and Dora Lee **STEPHENS** by Ernest M. Varner and Betty Lois Varner, his wife, by deed bearing date the 16th day of December, 1950 of record in Deed Book 340, at page 80, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Wood County, West Virginia.

SECOND TRACT:

BEGINNING at a point, 139 feet from the right-of-way of the public road, rear corner to lot owned by said parties of the second part; thence with the easterly side of a private driveway, 85 feet to a point; thence in an easterly direction, and parallel with lot owned by the said parties of the second part in the rear of said lot, 80 feet to a point; thence continuing said line, and parallel with line of lot owned by said parties of the second part, being at the beginning 13 feet wide to a point in the line of said parties of the second part about 90 feet in length, being the same lot, tract or parcel of land conveyed unto C. F. **STEPHENS** and Dora **STEPHENS**, husband and wife, by John L. Johnson and Carrie Martha Johnson, his wife by deed bearing date the 14th day of November, 1952, and to be recorded.

WITNESS the following signatures and seals.

Cecil F. **STEPHENS** <seal>

Dora Lee **STEPHENS** <seal>

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF WOOD, TO-WIT:

I, Va. Barnhart, a Notary Public within and for the said county and state, do hereby certify that CECIL F. **STEPHENS** and DORA LEE **STEPHENS**, his wife, whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date the 13th day of December, 1957, have each this day acknowledged the same before me in my said county.

Given under my hand this 13 day of December, 1957.

Va. Barnhart <seal>
Notary Public for Wood County, West Virginia

My commission expires: January 31, 1960

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF WOOD, TO-WIT:
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT OF WOOD COUNTY.

The foregoing paper writing was this day, December 16, 1957, at 10:53 a.m., presented for record in my office, and thereupon, together with the certificate thereto annexed, is admitted to record.

Teste: L. C. White <seal> Clerk.
County Court of Wood County.

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WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
Will Book 33, Page 99
Probated 5 August 1961

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

CECIL FRANCIS STEPHENS

I, Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**, of the city of Walker, county of Wood, and the state of West Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to by my last will and testament, hereby revoking any will or wills heretofore made by me.

First. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid and satisfied, as soon as possible or conveniently may be, after my decease.

Second. I give, devise, and bequeath to my wife, Dora Lee **STEPHENS**, all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, of every kind and description, wheresoever situate, which I may own or have the right to dispose of at the time of my decease.

In Witness Whereof, I, Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**, the testator, have set my hand and seal hereto this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven (1957).

Cecil Francis **STEPHENS** <seal>

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for his last will and testament by Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**, the above-named testator, in the presence of us, who, at his request and in the presence of him and of each other, have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses on the day and year last aforesaid.

Witnesses

Earl H. DeVaughn <seal> Notary Public
My Comm. Sept. 10, 1961

Witnesses

Geraldine Beha <seal>

At a regular session of the County Court, continued and held for the County of Wood, at the Court House thereof, on Saturday, the 5th day of August, 1961, Present, Malcolm B. Louden, President of said Court, and J. Lloyd Amos, Commissioner.

IN RE: LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF CECIL FRANCIS **STEPHENS**, DECEASED.

"A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**, deceased, a late resident of this County, bearing date the 13th day of February, 1957, was this day presented in open Court for probate; and said writing being duly proven by the oaths of Earl H. DeVaughn, and Geraldine Beha, the two subscribing witnesses thereto, who after first being duly sworn, testified that the signatures of the subscribing witnesses to said writing were their signatures, and that they had signed said paper writing as subscribing witnesses at the request of, and in the presence of Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**, the Testator, and in the presence of each other, all present together, and that the said Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**, the Testator, signed and acknowledged said paper writing as and for his last Will and Testament in their presence, all present together, and that to the best of their knowledge and belief the said Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**, the Testator, was, at the time of signing said paper writing, of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that they knew of no reason why said paper writing should not be admitted to probate.

It is therefore, ordered that the said writing be, and the same is hereby, admitted to probate and recorded as the last Will and Testament of Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**, deceased."

A Copy from the record of said Court of the day and date first aforesaid.

Teste:

L. C. White <seal>

Clerk Wood County Court

Recorded this 5th day of August, 1961.

Teste:

L. C. White <seal>

Clerk Wood County Court

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THE PARKERSBURG SENTINEL
Parkersburg, West Virginia
1979

RETIRED LOCAL MAN DESIGNS MACHINES
Inventions Save Time, Energy

By: Nick Scala, Sentinel Reporter

When 61-year old Holly Allen was forced to retire two years ago with a nerve and muscle disease which created a 100 per cent disability, he found himself with quite a bit of time to spend on his 71 acres of property in the Rocky Knob Community near Walker. But his disability failed to dim his creativity and productivity.

Instead, Allen utilized his spare time by putting the gears in his head in motion to create a string of designs for time and work saving machinery and equipment that may have definite patent potential.

Allen feels the most pride for his conversion of a 1950 model Massey-Harris hay baler into a very functional wood splitter. The idea came to him as he viewed the unused hay baler on his neighbor's property and assessed the striking power on the plunger head of the 4,500 pound machine. According to Allen, the head that had been used to bale the hay delivered a striking force of 2,000 pounds.

"I figured you could make a pretty good wood splitter out of that thing," recalled Allen. The wheels of action were literally put in motion. After purchasing the baler from his neighbor for $5, he first sold the unnecessary parts for junk and scrap, attached a 1963 Datsun automobile motor to replace the engine on the baler and made the necessary modifications to create a wood splitter.

He affixed a steel guard rail beam to the plunger head, removed the baler chamber and placed them as receptacles to catch the split wood, and affixed two razor sharp steel wedges at the base of the creation to split the wood as 2,000 pounds were forced against it.

"I always watched what the other man was doing," says the inventor who was born and raised in a blacksmith shop in Calhoun County and never finished his public school education. Pointing to his head, Allen added "It all stays up there like a book."

Allen estimates that his modified wood splitter has so far split 20 cords of wood for his open fireplace at his home on Walker Creek Road. He says that once he adds several safety protections to the machine, he plans to show his invention at county fairs and arts and crafts shows.

The disease that afflicts Allen is known as myasthenia gravis, which affects the muscle and nerve systems. While it totally disabled him physically, he has not allowed it to keep his mind idle since his forced retirement from the Wood County Department of Highways in 1977.

"I've just been settin' around without much to do. I have plenty of time now, and I try to find the best ways to put it to use." In addition to the wood splitter, Allen has designed and created a four-headed wrench and a safety patent for ladders. He is still waiting to hear from the hardware companies which he informed of his innovations.

(Note: The article is accompanied by two photos showing Holly operating the wood splitting machine.)

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, Wood County, WV
Obituary
Holly Allen

Holly Allen, 66, of Walker, W.Va., died in Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital Tuesday.

He was born in Millstone, Calhoun County, a son of the late J. Filden and Almira Bailey Allen. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church and was retired from the Department of Highways.

He is survived by his wife, Dora Lee Jenkins **STEPHENS** Allen; one son, Clinton D. Allen of Lakin, W.Va.; two stepsons, Dr. James F. **STEPHENS** of Laurinburg, N.C., and William **STEPHENS** of Belpre; two stepdaughters, Wilma Lee Conrad of Washington, D.C., and Norma J. Nichols of Virginia Beach, Va.; one brother, Clyde Allen of Elizabeth; one sister, Estel Powell of Akron, Ohio; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, five step grandchildren, one step-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Vera Hathaway Allen; by two sons, three sisters and four brothers.

Services will be 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg, with the Rev. Parker Hinzman and the Rev. Billy Sams officiating. Burial will be in Sturm Cemetery, near Millstone.

Friends may call at the funeral home 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

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The information below was written by Holly Allen sometime before his death on 30 April 1985. His sister Elsie, died a few months before.

Holly Allen born Oct. 11, 1918 at Millstone, Calhoun County. The son of the late James F. Allen and Almira Bailey Allen.

Surviving are his wife Mrs. Dora L. **STEPHENS** Jenkins Allen, one son Clinton D. Allen of Lakin, two sisters, Mrs. Estil Powell of Akron, Mrs. Elsie Walker of Beckley, one brother Clyde Allen of Elizabeth, four grandchildren, five step grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren. Two step sons, two step daughters, and by several nieces and nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at ?. Burial will be in Strum Cemetery in Calhoun County, eight miles out of Grantsville on Route 16, through Mt. Zion.

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WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
Will Book 80, Page 249
Will Probated 9 May 1985 for Holly Allen, Deceased

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

HOLLY ALLEN and DORA LEE ALLEN

I, HOLLY ALLEN, and I, DORA LEE ALLEN, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, and I do hereby revoke all former Wills or Codicils made by me.

FIRST: I, HOLLY ALLEN, do hereby direct my Executrix, hereinafter named, to pay all of my just debts and funeral expenses as soon as convenient following my death.

SECOND: I, HOLLY ALLEN, do hereby give, devise and bequeath all of my property, both real, personal and mixed, and wheresoever the same may be situate, to my wife, DORA LEE ALLEN.

THIRD: Should my wife, DORA LEE ALLEN, predecease me, or should we die in, or as a result, of the same accident, cause, or disaster, then I do hereby give, devise and bequeath all of my property, both real, personal and mixed, and wheresoever situate to the four (4) children of my wife, DORA LEE **STEPHENS**, namely, James Francis **STEPHENS**, Wilma Lee Conrad, William Joseph **STEPHENS**, and Norma Jean Nichols, share and share alike.

I, HOLLY ALLEN, do hereby name and appoint my wife, DORA LEE ALLEN, Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, and I request that she be permitted to qualify and serve as such without bond. If, for any reason, she should be unable to qualify and serve, then I, HOLLY ALLEN, do hereby name and appoint, in her place and stead, James Francis **STEPHENS**, and I request that he be permitted to qualify and serve as Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, without bond.

FOURTH: I, DORA LEE ALLEN, do hereby direct my Executor, hereinafter named, to pay all of my just debts and funeral expenses as soon as convenient following my death.

FIFTH: I, DORA LEE ALLEN, do hereby give, devise and bequeath all of my personal property, wheresoever situate, to my husband, HOLLY ALLEN.

SIXTH: I, DORA LEE ALLEN, do hereby give, devise and bequeath any real estate that I may own at my death, for life, to my husband, HOLLY ALLEN, and the remainder of the said real estate, after the death of HOLLY ALLEN, I do give, devise ad bequeath to my four (4) children,

namely, James Francis **STEPHENS**, Wilma Lee Conrad, William Joseph **STEPHENS**, and Norma Jean Nichols, share and share alike.

SEVENTH: Should my husband, HOLLY ALLEN, predecease me, or should we die in, or as a result, of the same accident, cause, or disaster, then I do hereby give, devise and bequeath all of my property, both real, personal and mixed, and wheresoever situate to my four (4) children, namely, James Francis **STEPHENS**, Wilma Lee Conrad, William Joseph **STEPHENS**, and Norma Jean Nichols, share and share alike.

I, DORA LEE **STEPHENS**, do hereby name and appoint my husband, HOLLY ALLEN, Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, and I request that he be permitted to qualify and serve as such without bond. If, for any reason, he should be unable to qualify and serve, then I, DORA LEE ALLEN, do hereby name and appoint, in his place and stead, James Francis **STEPHENS**, and I request that he be permitted to qualify and serve as Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, without bond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, HOLLY ALLEN, and I, DORA LEE ALLEN, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, on this the ___day of _____, 1967, in the presence of _____<seal>
and _____<seal>

Holly Allen <seal>

Dora Lee Allen <seal>

Note: The above was copied from an unsigned copy of the will that was actually probated.

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SECTION 3.

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS
CECIL F. STEPHENS AND HIS CHILDREN

HUSBAND: 4. **Cecil Francis STEPHENS**
B: 20 Mar 1914 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 16 Apr 1938 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
D: 29 JUL 1961 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 8. **Marvin Francis STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 9. **Laura Mae MOORE**

WIFE: 5. **Dora Lee JENKINS**
B: 12 Apr 1918 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
OM: 18 Jan 1965 to Holly ALLEN @ Parkersburg, WV (Widowed)
Living @ Marietta, GA
FATHER: 10. **Samuel (Bud) Jasper JENKINS**
MOTHER: 11. **Rosetta Mary HYDE**

CHILDREN

1 M 4(1)2 **James Francis STEPHENS**, Ph.D.
B: 02 Aug 1939 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 06 Jul 1967 to 3. **Nancy Ruth HARMAN** @ Knoxville, TN
Living @ 527 Pineview Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352

2 F 4(2) **Wilma Lee STEPHENS**
B: 23 Jul 1941 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: 08 Jul 1962 to Virgil Leroy CONRAD @ Walker, WV
Living @ Marietta, GA

3 M 4(3) **William Joseph STEPHENS**
B: 04 Aug 1944 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: 14 Feb 1969 to Barbara LEACH @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
D: 19 January 1990 @ Belpre,OH

4 F 4(4) **Norma Jean (Sis) STEPHENS**
B: 21 Feb 1947 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: 10 Jul 1966 to Eddie NICHOLS @ Parkersburg, WV (Divorced)
RM: 23 Nov 1991 to William Leroy (Bo) Dean @ Marietta, GA
Living @ Florida

HUSBAND: 4(1)2 **James Francis STEPHENS**, Ph.D.
B: 02 Aug 1939 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 06 Jul 1967 @ Knoxville,Knox Co,TN
Living @ 12500 Pineview Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352
FATHER: 4. **Cecil Francis STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 5. **Dora Lee JENKINS**

WIFE: 3. **Nancy Ruth HARMAN**
B: 23 Nov 1943 @ Richlands,Tazewell Co,VA
Living @ 12500 Pineview Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352
FATHER: 6. **Samuel Garnet HARMAN**
MOTHER: 7. **Ruth Evangeline HALE**

CHILDREN

1 F 2(1) **Emily Ruth STEPHENS**
B: 18 Sep 1972 @ Laurinburg,Scotland Co,NC
Single
Living @ 12500 Pineview Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352

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HUSBAND: Virgil Leroy CONRAD
B: 03 Jun 1938 @ Mill Creek,Randolph Co,WV
M: 08 Jul 1962 @ Walker, WV
Living @ Marietta, GA
FATHER: Virgil Lee CONRAD
MOTHER: Ruby Elizabeth JONES CONRAD

WIFE: 4(2) **Wilma Lee STEPHENS**
B: 23 Jul 1941 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
Living @ Marietta, GA
FATHER: 4. Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 5. Dora Lee JENKINS

CHILDREN

1 M Christopher Leroy CONRAD
B: 03 Feb 1964 @ Parkersburg, Wood Co.,WV
Single
Living @ Marietta, GA

2 M David Ray CONRAD
B: 29 Dec 1968 @ Charleston,Kanawha Co,WV
Single
Living @ Houston, Texas

HUSBAND: 4(3) **William Joseph STEPHENS**
B: 04 Aug 1944 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
M: 14 Feb 1969 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
D: 19 January 1990 @ Belpre,OH
FATHER: 4. Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 5. Dora Lee JENKINS

WIFE: Barbara LEACH
B: 26 Jul 1947 @ Gallipolis,Gallia Co,OH
Living @ Belpre,OH
FATHER: John Samuel LEACH (1921-1984)
MOTHER: Minnie Cathrine SIMMONS (1913-)

CHILDREN

(No children)

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HUSBAND: Eddie Duane NICHOLS
B: @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 10 Jul 1966 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV (Divorced)
Living @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: Bert Webster NICHOLS
MOTHER: Alta Mae HECK

WIFE:4(4) **Norma Jean (Sis) STEPHENS**
B: 21 Feb 1947 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
OM: 23 Nov 1991 to William Leroy (Bo) Dean @ Marietta, GA
Living @ Florida
FATHER: 4. Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 5. Dora Lee JENKINS

CHILDREN

1 F Tina Renee NICHOLS
B: 1964/65 @ Parkersburg,WV
M: to Mr. SHAW @ Virginia Beach,VA (Divorced)
Living @ Virginia Beach, VA

2 M Eddie **STEPHENS** NICHOLS
B: @ Virginia Beach,VA
Living @ Virginia Beach, VA

SECTION 4.

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS FOR MATERNAL LINES

HUSBAND: 10. **Samuel (Bud) Jasper JENKINS**
B: 23 Mar 1883 @ Ritchie Co.,WV
M: 06 Sep 1907 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
D: 11 Jun 1961 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co.,WV
FATHER: 20. **Samuel J. JENKINS, Sr.**
MOTHER: 21. **Elcie Jane JOHNSON**

WIFE: 11. **Rosetta Mary HYDE**
B: 22 May 1891 @ Braxton Co.,WV
D: 17 Oct 1979 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 22. **Amos Sylvester (Vest) HYDE**
MOTHER: 23. **Levoila DAVIS**

CHILDREN

1 M Clyde Robert JENKINS
B: 12 Jul 1908 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 1942 to Ruth KNIGHT (Divorced)
RM: to Lila PEPPERS (Divorced)
D: 25 Jun 1983 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV

2 F Lula Bell JENKINS
B: 30 Oct 1909 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 1928 to Granville W. LAYMAN (Widowed)
Living @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV

3 M Okey Samuel JENKINS
B: 07 Apr 1911 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 1930 to Irene PICKENS
D: 05 Nov 1990 @ Parkersburg,WV

4 F Nellie Blye JENKINS
B: 08 Nov 1912 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 1932 to James MOORE (Widowed)
RM: to Delford U. MEAD (Widowed)
Living @ Parkersburg,WV

5 M Howard Budd JENKINS
B: 15 Dec 1914 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 05 Mar 1938 to Geraldine (Jerry) Jewell TAYLOR
@ Parkersburg,WV (Widowed)
RM: 17 Oct 1968 to Ruby Mae JEWELL
Living @ Bluefield, West Virginia

6 M Kenneth Evans JENKINS
B: 14 Sep 1916 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 1937 to Vivian BRUCE
D: 19 Sep 1943 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

7 F 10(7)5 Dora Lee JENKINS
B: 12 Apr 1918 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 16 Apr 1938 to 4. Cecil Francis STEPHENS @ Parkersburg,WV
(Widowed)
RM: 18 Jan 1965 to Holly ALLEN @ Parkersburg,WV (Widowed)
Living @ Marietta, GA

8 M Dencil McClain JENKINS
B: 11 Mar 1920 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 1939 to Mabel HELDRETH
Living @ Wirt Co,WV

HUSBAND: 20. **Samuel J. JENKINS, Sr.**
B: 15 Mar 1831 @ Ritchie/Wood Co,WV
M: 07 Mar 1865 @ Ritchie Co,WV
D: 21 Jan 1901 @ Eatons,Wood Co.,WV
FATHER: 40. **John JENKINS Sr.**
MOTHER: 41. **Nancy JACKSON**

WIFE: 21. **Elcie Jane JOHNSON**
B: May 1851 @ Upshur Co,WV
D: 07 Aug 1928 @ Eatons,Wood Co,WV
FATHER: 42. **Thomas Nashville JOHNSON Sr.**
MOTHER: 43. **Alpha Jane MARSHALL**

CHILDREN

1 F Alfa Jane JENKINS
B: 22 Aug 1866 @ Ritchie Co,WV
M: 27 Apr 1884 to John Allen FARR @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: after 1900 to Michael COX (Widowed)
RM: to John STARR
D: @ Texas

2 M Thomas N. JENKINS
B: 22 Oct 1868 @ Ritchie Co,WV
M: 20 Jan 1892 to Lorena ADAMS @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 05 Jun 1908 to Olla M. FARNSWORTH @ Wood Co,WV
D: @ Dennison,Ohio

3 F Alice Luverne JENKINS
B: 05 Sep 1871 @ Ritchie Co,WV
M: 01 Jun 1889 to John Wesley HAWKINS @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 18 Sep 1946 @ Petroleum,Ritchie Co,WV

4 M William Asbury JENKINS
B: 15 Sep 1873 @ Ritchie Co,WV
M: 24 Jul 1898 to Alice A. MARTIN @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 13 Jan 1952 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV

5 M James Edward JENKINS
B: 11 Apr 1876 @ Ritchie Co,WV
M: 13 Apr 1904 to Sarah Tressa PYLES @ Wood Co,WV
D: 25 Dec 1936 @ Bridgeport,Harrison Co,WV

6 M Charles JENKINS
B: 1877/1880 @ Ritchie Co,WV
Single
D: by Jun 1880 @ Ritchie Co,WV

7 F Ella Martha JENKINS
B: 04 Apr 1881 @ Ritchie Co,WV
M: 20 Dec 1897 to George Washington REYNOLDS @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
RM: 02 Mar 1905 to David Echols PETERS @ Wood Co,WV
D: @ Lynchburg,VA ??

CHILDREN (Continued)

8 M 20(8)10 **Samuel (Bud) Jasper JENKINS, Jr.**
B: 23 Mar 1883 @ Ritchie Co.,WV
M: 06 Sep 1907 to 11. **Rosetta Mary HYDE** @ Parkersburg, WV
D: 11 Jun 1961 @ Parkersburg, Wood Co.,WV

9 M Ashford JENKINS
B: 07 Jul 1885 @ Eatons,Wood Co,WV
Single
D: 24 Dec 1950 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV

10 M Raymond Layafette JENKINS
B: 07 Dec 1886 @ Rocky Knob (Walker),Wood Co,WV
M: 22 Aug 1911 to Lula Fern SWEARINGEN @ Oakland,MD
D: 03 Feb 1967 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

11 F Elsie J. (Pink) JENKINS
B: 19 Mar 1889 @ Eatons,Wood Co,WV
M: ca 1908 to Charles Ray FARNSWORTH (Widowed)
D: 4 Jan 1972 @ Marietta, Washington Co., OH

12 F Frances Myrtle (Fannie) JENKINS
B: 02 Nov 1890 @ Eatons,Wood Co,WV
M: 30 Jun 1909 to William Edward HYDE @ Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 07 Dec 1972 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV

HUSBAND: 40. **John JENKINS, Sr.**
B: before 1794 @ VA
M: ca. 1815
D: 1847/48 @ Wood (now Ritchie) Co,WV

WIFE: 41. **Nancy JACKSON**
B: ca. 1800 @ Harrison Co,(W)VA
OM: 15 Apr 1855 to William BRAVO @ Ritchie Co,WV
D: aft 1860 @ Ritchie Co.,WV
FATHER: 82. **S.P. JACKSON**
MOTHER: 83. **M. CHILDERS**

CHILDREN

1 M Enoch JENKINS
B: ca 1814 @ Wood/Ritchie Co,WV
M: by 1840 to Eliza F. AYERS @ WV
D: 1870/1880 @ Ritchie Co,WV

2 M William (Bill) JENKINS
B: ca 1818 @ Wood/Ritchie Co,WV
M: to Louisa DEEM
D: 1863 @ Wirt or Ritchie Co,WV

3 M John JENKINS Jr.
B: ca 1821 @ Wood/Ritchie Co,WV
M: 31 Jul 1845 to Rebecca Jane CUTLIP @ Braxton Co,WV
D: aft 1880

4 M James (Jim) JENKINS
B: ca 1823 @ Ritchie/Wood Co/WV
M: 08 Aug 1846 to Mary Elizabeth Jones @ Ritchie Co,WV
(Widowed)
RM: 05 Oct 1886 to Annie DEEM @ Ritchie Co,WV
D: 1886/90

5 M Madison JENKINS
B: ca 1830 @ Ritchie/Wood Co,WV or Ohio ??
M: 08 Jul 1852 to Mary STANLEY @ Ritchie Co,WV
D: before 1870 @ Ritchie Co,WV

6 M 40(6)20 **Samuel J. JENKINS, Sr.**
B: 15 Mar 1831 @ Ritchie/Wood Co,WV
M: 07 Mar 1865 to 21. **Elcie Jane JOHNSON** @ Ritchie Co,WV
D: 21 Jan 1901 @ Eatons,Wood Co.,WV

7 M Joseph JENKINS
B: ca 1839 @ Ritchie/Wood Co,WV
M: 15 Nov 1866 to Mary Ann MALONEY @ Ritchie Co,WV
D: 11 Aug 1875 @ Brooksville(Big Bend),Calhoun Co,WV

CHILDREN (Continued)

8 M Robert JENKINS
B: ca 1836 @ Ritchie/Wood Co,WV
M: 02 Jul 1859 to Huldy E. BARNETT @ Ritchie Co,WV
D: 25 Sep 1864 @ Winchester,VA

9 M Asa JENKINS
B: 1836/43 @ Oxbow,Ritchie Co,WV
M: 07 Sep 1865 to 43. **Alpha Jane MARSHALL** @ Ritchie Co,WV (Divorced)
RM: 08 Feb 1874 to Nancy Clarinda LEWIS @ Calhoun Co,WV
D: 27 Jul 1898 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV

10 F Rachel JENKINS
B: ca 1829 @ Ritchie/Wood Co,WV
M: 18 Oct 1855 to David DEEM @ Ritchie Co,WV

11 F Catherine (Cathy) JENKINS
B: ca 1842 @ Ritchie/Wood Co,WV
M: 22 Mar 1860 to Isaac A. (Bodac) TRADER Sr. @ Ritchie Co,WV
D: by 21 Jun 1894

12 F Frances JENKINS
B: ca 1834 @ Ritchie/Wood Co,WV

13 F Martha Ann JENKINS
B: 1834 in Wood/Ritchie County, West Virginia
M: before 1855 to --- --- @ West Virginia
RM: 22 October 1879 @ Calhoun County, West Virginia
D: 1892/1894 in Cisco, Wirt or Ritchie Co., WV

HUSBAND: 22. **Amos Sylvester (Vest) HYDE**
B: 05 Apr 1859 @ Jarvisville,Harrison Co,WV
M: 22 Nov 1880 @ Doddridge Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 15 Jan 1949 @ Drakes,Perry Co,OH
FATHER: 44. **Peter HYDE**
MOTHER: 45. **Margaret Ann STOUT**

WIFE: 23. **Levoila DAVIS**
B: 07 Aug 1859 @ Oxford,Doddridge Co,WV
D: 06 Nov 1943 @ 128 Spencer Ave.,Parkersburg,WV
FATHER: 46. **William Elkanah DAVIS**
MOTHER: 47. **Anna WILLIS**

CHILDREN

1 F Dora Lee HYDE
B: 06 Sep 1881 @ Weston,Lewis Co,WV
M: 19 Sep 1897 to Isaac N. HAYES @ Doddridge Co,WV
D: 18 Jan 1934 @ Clarksburg,WV

2 M Nathan Goff HYDE
B: 17 Nov 1887 @ Doddridge Co,WV
M: 05 Oct 1914 to Emily JOHNSON @ Parkersburg,WV
RM: to Jenny C. FRANCIS
D: 25 Feb 1953 @ Muskingum, Perry Co,OH

3 F 22(3)11 **Rosetta Mary HYDE**
B: 22 May 1891 @ Braxton Co.,WV
M: 06 Sep 1907 to 10. **Samuel (Bud) Jasper JENKINS, Jr.** @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 17 Oct 1979 @ Parkersburg,Wood Co,WV

4 M James Raymond HYDE
B: 02 Apr 1902 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 08 May 1926 to Letha Garnet HUGHES @ Parkersburg, WV
D: 25 Jun 1930 @ Walker,WV

HUSBAND: 44. **Peter HYDE**
B: 28 Jun 1834 @ Harrison Co,WV
M: 21 Feb 1856 @ Harrison Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 30 Jan 1910 @ Doddridge Co,WV
FATHER: 88. **Daniel HYDE**
MOTHER: 89. **Mary RICHARDS**

WIFE: 45. **Margaret Ann STOUT**
B: ca 1838 @ Harrison Co,WV
D: 05 Apr 1879 @ Doddridge Co,WV
FATHER: 90. **Joseph B. STOUT**
MOTHER: 91. **Martha (Patsy) CHILDERS**

CHILDREN

1 M John Henry HYDE
B: 02 May 1858 @ WV
M: 24 Feb 1878 to Laura BOYCE @ Doddridge Co,WV
D: 05 Apr 1929 @ Sedalia,Doddridge Co,WV

2 M 22. **Amos Sylvester (Vest) HYDE**
B: 05 Apr 1859 @ Jarvisville,Harrison Co,WV
M: 22 Nov 1880 to 23. **Levoila DAVIS** @ Doddridge Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 15 Jan 1949 @ Drakes,Perry Co,OH

3 M Louis A. HYDE
B: Nov 1863 @ Dodd. or Harr. Co,WV
M: ca 1883 to Henrietta DAVIS (Widowed)
RM: 22 Oct 1891 to Elizabeth McKINNEY @ Doddridge Co,WV
D: 1900 @ Clarksburg,Harrison Co,WV

4 M Enoch Stephen HYDE Sr.
B: 06 Jun 1865 @ Greenbrier,Doddridge Co,WV
M: 1886 to Flora Belle BENEDUM (Widowed)
RM: 1931 to Dorris Downs FORD
D: 18 Sep 1958 @ Salem,Doddridge Co,WV

5 F Mary Martha HYDE
B: Mar 1869 @ WV
M: ca 1890 to Charles E. DAVISON

6 F Delie B. (Bird) HYDE
B: 1873 @ WV
M: 02 Aug 1890 to Havens L.N. DAVIS @ Doddridge Co,WV
D: 1957 @ Harrison Co,WV

7 M Byron M. (Barm) HYDE
B: Mar 1877 @ Doddridge Co,WV
M: 1898 to Arie Odell HAYES
D: 04 Oct 1939 @ Arnettsville,Monongalia Co,WV

8 F Harriet S. HYDE
B: Apr 1860 @ Tenmile Dist,Harrison Co,WV
D: 26 Feb 1862 @ Harrison Co,WV

9 M William J. HYDE
B: 1868 @ Harrison Co,WV
D: 1870 @ Tenmile,Harrison Co,WV

10 M Andrew J. HYDE
B: 06 Mar 1879 @ Doddridge Co,WV
D: by 1880 ?

HUSBAND: 88. **Daniel HYDE**
B: ca 1805 @ Harrison Co,WV
M: 12 Nov 1824 @ Harrison Co,WV
D: ca 1875 @ Harrison Co,WV ??
FATHER: 176. **James HYDE, Jr.**
MOTHER: 177. **Cathrine HARDMAN**

WIFE: 89. **Mary RICHARDS**
B: ca 1803 @ Harrison Co,WV
D: Apr 1884 @ Freemansburg,Lewis Co,WV
FATHER: 178. **William R. RICHARDS**
MOTHER: 179. **Margaret MATTHEWS**

CHILDREN

1 F Catherine Ann HYDE
B: 1826 @ Harrison Co,WV
M: 07 Aug 1845 to John Calvin STARKEY @ Harrison Co,WV
D: 15 Aug 1865 @ Harrison Co,WV

2 F Margaret Jane HYDE
B: 25 Sep 1829 @ Harrison Co,WV
M: 04 Feb 1847 to Jesse Washington STARKEY @ Harrison Co,WV
D: 11 Feb 1908 @ Ivanhoe,Upshur Co,WV

3 F Charlotte HYDE
B: 14 Feb 1832 @ Cherry Camp,Harrison Co,WV
M: 19 Dec 1850 to John E. SMITH @ Buffalo,Harrison Co,WV
(Widowed)
D: 24 Oct 1917 @ Buckhannon,Upshur Co,WV (Rt 3,Box 84)

4 M 88(4)44. **Peter HYDE**
B: 28 Jun 1834 @ Harrison Co,WV
M: 21 Feb 1856 to 45. **Margaret Ann STOUT**
@ Harrison Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 30 Jan 1910 @ Doddridge Co,WV

5 M Amos S. HYDE
B: 12 Dec 1839 @ W.Milford,Harrison Co,WV
M: 27 Apr 1861 to Abigail D. (Abi) STOUT @ Harrison Co,WV
(Widowed)
RM: Apr 1892 to Alice MACKEY @ New Milton,Dodd.Co,WV
D: 09 Oct 1915 @ Cleveland,MS

HUSBAND: 176. **James HYDE, Jr.**
B: 1765-1784 @ ENGLAND ?, or (W)VA
M: 20 Mar 1801 @ Harrison Co,WV
D: 1810/11 @ Harrison Co,WV
FATHER: 392. **James HYDE, Sr.**
MOTHER: 393. **Sarah -?-**

WIFE: 177. **Cathrine HARDMAN**
B: 26 Feb 1784 @ Harrison Co,WV
OM: 04 Nov 1814 to Peter WAGGONER @ Harrison Co,WV
D: 02 Apr 1867 @ Lewis Co,WV
FATHER: 394. **Peter HARDMAN**
MOTHER: 395. **Charlotte LAZIER**

CHILDREN

1 M 176(1)88 **Daniel HYDE**
B: ca 1805 @ Harrison Co,WV
M: 12 Nov 1824 to 89. **Mary RICHARDS** @ Harrison Co,WV
D: ca 1875 @ Harrison Co,WV ??

2 M Isaac HYDE
B: 1800/10 @ WV

3 M John HYDE
B: 1800/10
M: 05 Jan 1831 to Hannah SWISHER @ Harrison Co,WV

4 F Charlotte (Charity?) L. HYDE
B: Jun 1807/08 @ WV
M: 21 Nov 1826 to Jacob H. BONNETT @ Lewis Co,WV (Widowed)
D: aft 1880

5 son b. 1800/10; d. by 1811

HUSBAND: 392. **James HYDE, Sr.**
B: by 1740 @ ENGLAND ?
M: (Widowed)
D: 22 Feb/11 Apr 1810 @ Mason Co,WV

WIFE: 393. **Sarah -?-**
D: Dec 1803 / 22 Feb 1810 @ Mason Co,WV

CHILDREN

1 M 392(1)176 **James HYDE, Jr.**
B: 1765-1784 @ ENGLAND ?, or (W)VA
M: 20 Mar 1801 to 177. **Cathrine HARDMAN** @ Harrison Co,WV
D: 1810/11 @ Harrison Co,WV

2 M Isaac HYDE
B: 1765\1784 @ England ?
M: 20 Oct 1800 to Nancy SIMS @ Harrison Co,WV
D: @ IN ??

3 M George HYDE
B: 1765/1784 @ England ??
M: 13 Dec 1796 to Nancy TANNER @ Harrison Co,WV

4 F Catherine (Kathy) HYDE
B: before 1765
M: by 1800 to Mr. STOUT ? @ Harrison Co.,WV ??
RM: 1814/20 to Cornelius KING @ Mason Co., WV

5 F Sarah Ann HYDE
B: ca 1775 @ New Jersey
M: 02 Mar 1801 to Samuel SHINN @ Harrison Co,WV (Widowed)
D: 1850/60 @ Jackson Co,WV

6 M William HYDE
B: 1784/1794
M: 18 Mar 1805 to Martha TANNER @ Gallia Co,OH

7 F Charity HYDE
B: 1783 @ New Jersey
M: 03 Mar 1804 to Nicholas HARPOLE @ Harrison Co,(W)VA
D: 29 Aug 1852 @ Virgo Co., IN

James Francis Stephens
ca. 1941

Ruth (Hale) Harman (1919-)
Samuel Garnet Harman (1916-1985)
Married 6 November 1941

James Francis Stephens
Nancy Ruth (Harman) Stephens
Emily Ruth Stephens
1989

Children of Sam & Ruth Harman
Ned and Nancy (ca. 1947)

CHAPTER VII.

JAMES FRANCIS STEPHENS
(1939-)

and

NANCY RUTH HARMAN
(1943-)

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James Francis STEPHENS, Ph.D.

FATHER: Cecil Francis STEPHENS
MOTHER: Dora Lee JENKINS
BORN: 02 August 1939
AT: Walker,Wood Co,WV
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Nancy Ruth HARMAN
ON: 06 July 1967
AT: Knoxville,Knox Co,TN
STATUS: Married
LIVING AT: 12500 Pineview Dr.
Laurinburg, NC 28352
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 1
Emily Ruth STEPHENS
Occupation: Chemistry professor,
Registrar, Dean

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CHAPTER VII. JAMES FRANCIS & NANCY RUTH (HARMAN) STEPHENS

SECTION 1.

2. James Francis STEPHENS (1939-)
3. Nancy Ruth Harman (1943-)

James (Jim) Francis **STEPHENS** was born[1] in Walker, Wood County, West Virginia, in the 18'th. century log house home of his Jenkins grandparents, on Wednesday, 2 August 1939, at 2:25 a.m. The attending physician was Dr. Holmes Blair. He is the oldest child of 4. Cecil Francis **STEPHENS**, and 5. Dora Lee Jenkins. James was married[2] on Thursday, 6 July 1967 to Nancy Ruth Harman, by Dr. Charles A. Trentham,[3] at the First Baptist Church in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. A Knox County, TN marriage license was issued to Jim and Nancy on 20 June 1967. Nancy, the daughter of 6. Samuel Garnet Harman, and 7.Ruth Evangeline Hale, was born at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday, 23 November 1943, in Richlands, Tazewell County, Virginia. Nancy was born[4] in the Clinch Valley Clinic Hospital, with Dr. N. G. Patterson, the attending Physician.

Jim and Nancy are the parents of one daughter, 1. Emily Ruth **STEPHENS**, born[5] at 2:03 p.m., Monday, 18 September 1972 in Laurinburg, Scotland County, North Carolina, at Scotland Memorial Hospital. The attending physician was Dr. Ben S. Tatum. Emily was 20 inches long at birth, and weighed seven pounds, two ounces.

THE HARMAN FAMILY

Nancy's parents, Samuel Garnet Harman and Ruth Evangeline Hale, were married[6] in Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee, on 6 November 1941, by the Rev. R. H. Black. Samuel was born in Blackford, Russell County, Virginia, on 5 March 1916, the son of 12. Grover Cleveland Harman, and 13. Lula Mae Robinson. Samuel died[7] on 7 February 1985, at Duke University Hospital, Durham, Durham County, North Carolina. He served in the Army during

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1. Wood County, West Virginia Birth Records, Book 6, Page 224. West Virginia Birth Record # 25010.

2. Knox County, Tennessee, Marriage Records.

3. Dr. Charles A. Trentham later became the Pastor of a Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., and was the Pastor to President Jimmy Carter, who attended Dr. Trentham's church while he (Carter) was President.

4. Clinch Valley Clinic Hospital, Richlands, VA, Birth Certificate for Nancy Ruth Harman.

5. Scotland County, NC, Birth Certificate, Book 92, Page 201.

6. Sullivan Co., Tennessee, Marriage Records, Book 11, Page H.

7. North Carolina Certificate of Death issued in Durham County, NC.

World War II. Ruth was born[1] in Gardner, Russell County, Virginia, on 4 January 1919, the daughter of 14. Samuel Earl Hale, and 15. Lucy Jane Barrett. Grover C. Harman and Lula Mae Robinson, both residents of Russell Co., VA, were married[2] 1 December 1913, in Bristol, Sullivan County, Tennessee, by the Rev. A. H. Burroughs.

Grover Cleveland Harman is the son of 24. Daniel Boone Harman, and 25. Mary L. Alley of Tazewell Co., VA. Daniel is the son of 48. Elias Vance Harman and 49. Sarah (Sally) McGuire. Elias is the son of 96. Mathias Harman, Jr. and 97. Nancy Vance. Mathias, Jr., is the son of 192. Mathias (Ticy) Harman, Sr., and 193. Lydia Skaggs. Mathias, Sr., is the son of 384. Heinrich Adam Harman, and 385. Louisa Katrina. Heinrich was born ca. 1700 in Germany and migrated to Pennsylvania about 1726, and a few years later on to Virginia. Heinrich Adam Harman and his family were early settlers in the Tazewell County, Southwestern Virginia area, where he and his sons were well-known Indian fighters of their time. The Harman family history is well-documented in two books, the first[3] by John Newton Harman, Sr., and the second[4] by John William Harman. Family-group-sheets for the Harman families above are included in a later section of this chapter.

THE HALE FAMILY

The Hale family, from which Ruth Evangeline (Hale) Harman descends, moved from Franklin Co., VA and settled in Russell Co., VA in the early 1800's. Ruth's parents, 14. Samuel Earl Hale, and 15. Lucy Jane Barrett, were married[5] 26 September 1899, in Bristol, Sullivan County, Tennessee. Both were residents of Russell Co., VA at the time of their marriage.

Samuel E. Hale is the son of 28. John Thomas Hale, and 29. Martha J. Compton. John T. Hale is the son of 56. Jonathan S. Hale, the first of the Hale family in Russell Co., VA, and 57. Mary (Polly) Cockran. Jonathan is the son of 112. Thomas Hale, and 113. Rachel Sheridan. Thomas, born ca 1753, served in the Revolutionary War with a South Carolina Unit. He died 1838/42, probably in Franklin Co., VA. Thomas is believed to be the son[6] of 224. Benjamin HALE. Family-group-sheets for the Hale families above are included in a later section of this chapter.

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1. Virginia Birth Records for Russell County, Volume 768, Page c994.

2. Sullivan Co., Tennessee Marriage Records, Book 3, Page H.

3. John Newton Harman, Sr., Harman Genealogy (Southern Branch) with Biographical Sketches and Historical Notes, 1700-1924(Radford, VA: Commonwealth Press, 1925).

4. John William Harman, Harman-Harmon Genealogy and Biography with Historical Notes, 19 B.C. to 1928 A.D.(Parsons, WV: author, 1928).

5. Sullivan County, Tennessee marriage records, Book 4, Page 311.

6. Personal communication - letter dated 27 Feb. 1990 from Edwin Merryman, Ocean City, NJ.

EDUCATION - JAMES

James Francis **STEPHENS** began school in 1945 at the two-room Walker School, where he completed the first eight grades, graduating with an eight-grade certificate in 1953. Jim's first teacher was Beryl (Mrs. Andy) Swearingen. His later teacher's at Walker School, Goldie Beha, Mr. Golf, Edna Steele, Scott Stewart, Bert Stallings, and Mr. E. Byrd. The Walker School building was very primate by todays standards. It was a two-room school in 1945, but later a third room and a kitchen was added. The building was heated by pot-bellied coal stoves in each room. Water was obtained from a water well on the premises with a hand pump. Teams of two boys each, were assigned each week, to carry water, bring in coal, and carry out the garbage. County music, art, and physical education teachers visited the school periodically to give supplemental instruction. Usually, a teacher at Walker School would be responsible for teaching all subjects to students in several different grade levels!

One of the memorable events that occurred while Jim was in grade school was when the School Patrol went on a trip, by train, to Washington, D.C., when he was in the seventh grade.

Jim completed grades nine through twelve at Parkersburg High School, where he graduated on 23 May 1957. There were 550 students in his graduating class. Jim entered high school with the intention of entering the industrial shop section, specifically, electrical shop, for the final two years and becoming an electrician. However, his electricity teacher in the 10th. grade, Mr. Murl L. Boyles, encouraged him to take the college preparatory courses and consider going to college. Mr. Boyles was instrumental in convincing Jim that he could find "some way" to go to college even thought this seemed to be impossible, financially, at the time. Jim took extra courses during his last two years and in most of his classes, he made the highest grades. He was on the "honor roll" for every six-weeks grading period during the last three years of high school. While in high school, Jim served as president of his home room and served as a member of the Student Council. He was also a member of the Junior Academy of Science and was a student assistant to Mr. Boyles. One of the highlights of Jim's senior year was when the junior and senior classes had a party on the Excursion Steamer, "Avalon." The Avalon was the last paddle boat steamer on the Ohio River.

The Walker school bus, two different buses numbered 17, was driven by Virgil Swearingen[1] for the twelve years Jim was in secondary school, and for many years afterward. During the high school years, Mr. Emory Gimmer, in bus number 21, met the Walker bus at Kanawha Station to take the students on to the high school.

In the fall of 1957, Jim entered West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, majoring in chemistry, and completing minors in physics and mathematics. Before leaving for college the first time, the Youth Fellowship at Mt. Carmel Church held a

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1. Virgil Swearingen married Dorothy Ware, daughter of Henry and Alice (Stephens) Ware. Thus, Virgil was a cousin, by marriage, to Jim.

"pound party" for Jim, in which church members contributed food staples for Jim's use in college. Jim's father took him for his first semester at Morgantown, to an apartment on 9 Grant Ave., which he shared with Kendall Cain of Cairo, WV, in a two-ton truck loaded with many boxes of canned goods from the farm, and other food supplies. Money was very scarce, so it was necessary to take as much food from home as possible. Jim was not able to attend college continuously because of a serious illness, the death of his father, and other problems. He graduated from West Virginia University 3 June 1963 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in chemistry.

Jim entered Marshall University, Huntington, WV, in the fall of 1976. He graduated from Marshall with a Master of Science Degree in chemistry on 17 August 1965. He did research in inorganic chemistry under the direction of Dr. M. R. Chakrabarty. His master's thesis[1] was entitled "The Kinetics of the Electron Reactions Between Iron(II) Ion and the 8-Quinolinol Complexes of Iron(III)." While at Marshall, he was a graduate teaching assistant. Jim had two publications, in chemical journals, as result of his research at Marshall. One article described some special electronic equipment[2] he designed to be used in the research, and the second described some of the results of the research.[3]

In September 1965, Jim entered The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, to begin work on a doctorate. While at Tennessee, Jim was a teaching assistant, and during his last year was awarded the Dupont Teaching Fellowship, the highest teaching award at Tennessee. He did research in inorganic chemistry under the direction of Dr. George K. Schweitzer,[4] Professor of Inorganic Chemistry. Jim's dissertation[5] was titled: "Proton Magnetic Resonance Studies of Cation Hydration Numbers in Aqueous Solution." This research was described in two publications in

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1. James Francis Stephens, The Kinetics of the Electron Exchange Reactions Between Iron(II) Ion and the 8-Quinolinol Complexes of Iron(III)(Master's Thesis, Marshall University, Huntington, WV, 1965).

2. James F. Stephens, "Electronic Timer for the Study of Electron Transfer Reactions," Journal of Chemical Education, 42(Oct. 1965), p. 562.

3. M. R. Chakrabarty, J. F. Stephens, and E. S. Hanrahan, "Kinetics of Exchange of Iron(II) and Iron(III) 8-Quinolinol Complexes,"Inorganic Chemistry, Vol. 5 (Sept. 1966), p. 1617.

4. Dr. George K. Schweitzer completed his Ph.D. in 1948 at the University of Illinois under the direction of Dr. Mueller. Dr. Schweitzer is now the author of several books in the field of genealogy, and is a popular lecturer at genealogy meetings on both the state and national level.

5. James Francis Stephens, Proton Magnetic Resonance Studies of Cation Hydration Numbers in Aqueous Solutions(Doctoral Dissertation, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1969).

chemical journals. One article describes the techniques[1] developed to be used in the research, and the second gives the results of the research.[2] He was awarded his Ph.D. degree in Chemistry on 18 March 1969. He began his appointment as Assistant Professor of Chemistry at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, NC, on 15 March 1969.

EDUCATION - NANCY

Nancy Ruth Harman **STEPHENS** began school in Hollidaysburg, PA, where she finished the first two grades at Hillcrest Elementary School. Her first grade teacher was Mrs. Wise. Nancy's second grade Report Card indicates that all of her grades were either outstanding or very good, and that her teacher was Mary A. Keiper. The card also indicates that at the beginning of her second grade, Nancy was 47 inches tall and weighed 55 pounds. Her family then moved to Mill Creek, West Virginia, where she finished the third and fourth grades at Mill Creek Elementary School. The next move her family made was to Norton, Virginia where she finished the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades at Norton Elementary School. Nancy had her Aunt Claudine (Hale) Ball as a sixth grade teacher. Her family then moved a few miles away to Cleveland, Virginia, where she completed the eighth and ninth grades at Cleveland High School.

Nancy's family then made a move back to Norton, Virginia, which was the final move for her parents. Nancy's mother is still living at Norton in 1990. Nancy completed her secondary education at J. I. Burton High, where she graduated in May, 1961, second in her class.

Nancy was on the honor roll all through secondary school. While in high school she served as president of her freshman class, vice-president of her junior class, and business manager of her senior class. She was a member of the Student Council and of Tri-Hi-Y, a girl's service club. She was also on the year book staff during her junior and senior years.

In the fall of 1961, Nancy began college at Clinch Valley College, Wise, Virginia. She then transferred to Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry, in May, 1965. She was on the Dean's list most of the time she was attending Clinch Valley and Emory and Henry Colleges.

In September, 1965, Nancy began her studies towards a Master of Science degree in chemistry at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Nancy was a graduate teaching assistant at Tennessee and her office was in the same room as her future husband. This office was in the Old Music Annex which was used as an office

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1. James F. Stephens and George K. Schweitzer, "A modified Technique for the Determination of Hydration Numbers of Metal Ions in Concentrated Aqueous Solutions by Means of Proton Magnetic Resonance," Spectroscopy Letters, Vol. 1 (1968), p. 373.

2. George K. Schweitzer and James F. Stephens, "Proton Magnetic Resonance Studies of Al(III) and Ga(III) Hydration Numbers in Aqueous Solutions," Spectroscopy Letters, Vol. 3 (1970), p. 11.

area for chemistry and psychology teaching assistants. Nancy did her research in analytical chemistry under the direction of Dr. A. D. Melaven. Nancy's master's thesis[1] was entitled: "Atomic Absorption Studies: The Detection and Estimation of Rhenium and the Determination of Rhenium, Potassium, and Silver in Rhenium Metal Ash." After completing her M.S. degree, Nancy was employed as a research chemist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratories, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where she worked until Jim completed his Ph.D. degree.

PRE-COLLEGE YEARS

Before leaving home for college, Jim had lived all but about one year of his live in Walker, West Virginia. Living on a farm meant there was always a lot of hard work to do. From the time Jim's family moved to the farm in 1946, just as Jim completed the first grade, he always had farm chores to do, such as feeding and caring for the animals, milking the cows and/or goats, planting and caring for fields of berries, corn, garden vegetables, etc. In his teenage years, he very often worked on Saturdays, school holidays, and during summer vacations with his father in the timbering business cutting pulpwood, white oak stave blocks, and timber to be sawed into lumber. Jim worked some Saturdays at the Walker General Store for John Wilcox, as a clerk and "gofer," when he was about ten years old. When working in the woods, he was very often assigned the task of logging with the horse "Old Bob." After his father opened a grocery store in Walker, **STEPHENS** Grocery, Jim spent much time working in it during non school hours. For several years Jim sold GRIT magazines (a weekly) in Walker and the surrounding area. He rode his bicycle over an area covering several miles from Hannah to Eatons. From time to time he also sold within the community such items as garden seeds, greeting cards, Cloverine Salve, and religious motto plaques. Jim also worked for two families in Walker by staying nights and helping with the chores while the man of the family worked away during the week. First, he stayed with the Blackwell family, and later with the Dale Huber family. While in High School, he would work during the noon lunch break at a restaurant near the school owned by his aunts, Edith (**STEPHENS**) Harris and Pearl (**STEPHENS**) Gray. He worked in exchange for his lunch. During the summer after graduating from high school, he worked at Krogers as a cashier and stock clerk.

Jim had a workshop-lab from the time his family first moved to the farm, first in the basement of the house and later in a separate building which Jim built. In his workshop-lab he tinkered with electronics, and conducted chemical experiments. He repaired electrical appliances for neighbors. He had amateur radio equipment which he constructed with the help of his Uncle Dencle Jenkins, who was a "ham" radio operator. Jim learned to wire houses for electrical service with the aid of his Uncle John Johnson.

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1. Nancy Ruth Harman, Atomic Absorption Studies: The Detection and Estimation of Rhenium and the Determination of Rhenium, Potassium, and Silver in Rhenium Metal Ash(Master's Thesis, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1967).

Jim had a darkroom in which he pursued one of hobbies, photography, by developing his own black and white photographs. Another hobby was taxidermy.

Jim was active in the Walker 4-H Club from the time he was ten years old until he went to college. He was president of the club for several years. Some of his 4-H projects included growing raspberries and various electronic projects. He won several first and second prize awards for his projects at the Wood County Fair. He attended the 4-H camp at Butcher's Bend, Wood County, two different summers.

While living at Walker, Jim was active in the affairs of Mt. Carmel EUB Church, where he was president of the youth fellowship during his high school years. He attended the EUB Youth Church Camp at Buckhannon, West Virginia, two different summers, including the first summer that the camp was open. He was one of the group that named the camp EvUnBreth Acres. While returning from the camp in June 1950, he was caught in the great floods that hit that summer in the Ritchie, Doddridge County area. The pastor of the Walker-Cairo circuit, Rev. Gillespie, had returned the camp participants from his churches from the camp to his home (parsonage) at Cairo on Saturday afternoon. Cecil **STEPHENS** was to drive to Cairo on Sunday to pick up the Walker children. However, the flash floods hit early on a Sunday morning, and everyone had to retreat to the surrounding hills. No one in the area of the parsonage was hurt, but many houses and bridges were washed away.

Pets Jim had on the farm included dogs, cats, bantam chickens, a groundhog, two squirrels, domestic rabbits, and hamsters. He raised rabbits and hamsters to sell. He purchased a pair of registered "golden-bear" hamsters from a firm in Alabama when the golden hamster was still a rarity in the United States. He raised several litters of hamsters from this pair and sold them in the Walker area.

Nancy was a member of the Girls Scouts, and attended Scout camps during her youth. She always spent a large part of each summer staying with her Hale grandparents on their farm at Honaker, Russell Co., VA. Nancy worked as a babysitter for neighborhood families during her teenage years. She was active in the Norton Methodist Church.

THE COLLEGE YEARS

When Jim started to college in 1957, he only had sufficient funds to pay his tuition, buy books, and to pay his apartment rent and other expenses until about November. Without a job, he would not have been able to complete the first semester. Therefore it was necessary that he find a job immediately. Before the end of his first week in Morgantown, with the help of a friend from Parkersburg, Edna (Mrs. Murl L.) Boyles, he was hired by Cosmopolitan Lunch, as a waiter and short-order cook, in Morgantown. The owner and manager of the restaurant was a second generation Greek, John Pompadapolis. Mrs. Boyles was employed with the Employment Security Agency in Parkersburg. She was able to make contacts with her counterparts in Morgantown, who helped Jim locate a scarce job. Jim worked at Cosmopolitan Lunch for one or two hours each weekday during the lunch period, and each weekday evening from about nine to twelve midnight. He worked

from eight to fourteen hours on Saturdays. On Sundays, he opened the restaurant at twelve noon, and closed at nine p.m., usually running the restaurant by himself. After his first year at Morgantown, he was employed by the Chemistry Department as a laboratory assistant. He also had a summer job each summer to help with his college expenses. The first two summers, while he was in college, he worked for the Carborundum Metals Company, a producer of Zirconium, near Parkersburg, WV. He purchased a 1950 Mercury automobile during the first summer (1958) he worked at the factory to use as transportation to and from his job. Carborundum did not hire summer employees in succeeding summers, so he worked for a short time at Storks Bakery in Parkersburg. The remainder of the time he worked with his father producing pulp wood.

The first financial aid Jim received was a $700.00 loan for the 1961-62 year, from the newly established National Defense Student Loan fund. He was able to secure an $800.00 loan from the same source for the following year.

The summer after graduating from West Virginia University, he worked with the Materials and Testing Division of the West Virginia State Road Commission, as a materials tester. He was assigned to a unit working with a section of Interstate 77 being built in Wood County between Route 47, and Route 50. This job ended when Jim enrolled at Marshall University in September, 1963.

During the Spring and Summer of his first year at Marshall, Jim worked full-time as a shift chemist at the Novamont Corporation, a producer of polypropylene, at Kenova, West Virginia. He was also a graduate teaching assistant in chemistry while at Marshall University.

While at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, Jim worked as a teaching assistant, and as a Dupont Teaching Fellow. He also worked part-time as the chemistry tutor for the University football and basketball teams.

Nancy was employed as a chemistry laboratory assistant while she was a student at Emory and Henry College. During the summers she was employed as a laboratory technician by the Tennessee Eastman Co., in Kingsport, TN. While at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, she was employed as a graduate teaching assistant.

Jim and Nancy lived at 3700 Sutherland Ave., Knoxville, TN, after they were married, in married student apartments rented by the University.

EMPLOYMENT AFTER COLLEGE

Nancy completed her M.S. degree at Tennessee in 1967, and was employed as a Research Chemist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratories, Oak Ridge, TN. She worked at Oak Ridge while Jim completed his dissertation for his Ph.D. degree, and until they moved to North Carolina. While at the Oak Ridge Laboratories, Nancy worked on various projects involving nuclear chemistry. One project involved working with the isotope, Gold-198, used in

surface labeling of sand. She published an article[1] on this work, and received a patent[2] on the technique used in the labeling.

Jim and Nancy moved to Laurinburg, NC on 8 March 1969, so Jim could begin his employment as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry, on 15 March 1969, at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. During the first year in Laurinburg, they rented a house on Hooper Drive. During the first spring in Laurinburg, Nancy worked full-time as a substitute chemistry teacher at Scotland High School, filling in for a teacher who was on medical leave.

Nancy was employed as a chemistry and science teacher at McColl High School, McColl, SC, in 1969-70. She was employed as a chemistry and physics teacher at Scotland High School, Laurinburg, NC in 1970, and is still (1990) employed in that position. In 1982, Nancy was selected[3] as Scotland County Teacher of the Year. Nancy taught her daughter, Emily, chemistry in 1988-89.

Jim continued his Hydration Number research at St. Andrews Presbyterian College and received several research grants[4] to support his work and the work of several of his students.[5] He published[6] the results of some of this research he directed in a chemical journal.

In addition to his position as a chemistry professor, Jim was appointed[7] College Registrar[8] at St. Andrews in 1974. In addition, he was appointed[9] to a new position as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at St. Andrews in 1977. Dr. **STEPHENS** had

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1. Nancy H. Stephens, E.H. Acree, and F.N. Case, "Evaluation of Four Methods Using Gold-198 for Surface Labeling Sand and a New Technique for Simulating Mass Labeling," Oak Ridge National Laboratories Publication," ORNL-4338 (December, 1968).

2. Elick H. Acree, Forrest Neil Case, and Nancy H. Stephens, "Method for Mass Tagging Sand with A Radioactive Isotope," Patent #3,700,602, United States Patent Office, patented Oct. 24, 1972.

3. "Nancy Stephens is Scotland County Teacher of the Year," The Laurinburg Exchange, November 26, 1982, page 1.

4. "Research Supported by Grant," The Laurinburg Exchange, 22 June 1970, page 1.

5. "Budding Researchers Find Work Unlimited," The Laurinburg Exchange, 27 July 1970, page 1.

6. E. Michael Kahn and James F. Stephens, "Determination of Hydration Number by NMR," Journal of Chemical Education, vol. 54 (January 1977), page 62.

7. "Two Staff Changes Revealed, The Laurinburg Exchange, 1974.

8. "College Names Dr. Stephens AS Registrar," The Parkersburg News, 1974.

9. "Associate Dean Named At College," The Laurinburg Exchange, 1977. Also, a similar article appeared the same year in The Parkersburg News, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

additional responsibilities assigned to him from time-to-time, including: Director of the Winter Term, Director of the Summer Term, Director of Institutional Research, coordinator of various special enrollment[1] enhancement programs, and Administrator in charge of Computer Services at St. Andrews.

At the present time (1990) Jim is still a chemistry professor, registrar, and associate dean at St. Andrews. In addition, he is now Director of the 1990 St. Andrews Self-Study Project, preparing for St. Andrews application for reaffirmation of accreditation by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Nancy is (1990) a committee chairperson for a similar project at Scotland High School.

MISCELLANEOUS

In the spring of 1970, Jim and Nancy purchased and moved into, a home on Debra Drive, Laurinburg. In 1978, they purchased a two-story, Williamsburg style, home on Pineview Drive, Laurinburg, where they are still living in 1990.

Jim's first automobile was a 1950 Mercury. Later, after his father's death, he drove a 1959 Chevrolet that had belonged to his father. The first car that Jim and Nancy purchased was a 1967 Oldsmobile Supreme. They had the car for only a few months when it was stolen, never to be recovered. Next, they purchased a 1968 Oldsmobile Cutlass. After moving to Laurinburg, Jim purchased a used 1961(?) Falcon to use as a second car, to supplement his bicycle which he rode most of the time to work for the first year or two in Laurinburg. In 1971 they purchased a large Ford station wagon. In January, 1972, Jim purchased a 1972 Ford Pinto, which he used until 1984 as a second car. In 1975, Jim and Nancy traded in their Ford wagon and purchased a 1975 Chevrolet Nova. Next, they traded in the Nova for a 1982 Pontiac J-2000 sedan. In 1984, Jim sold the Pinto and purchased a used 1982 Ford Escort. Finally, in 1987, they traded the Pontiac for a 1987 Nissan Stanza High-Wagon. A 1989 bright red Ford Escort was purchased in January, 1989, as a car to be used by daughter, Emily.

As a child, Nancy had a large yellow-striped cat named Tom, and a black Cocker Spaniel dog named Mickey. Jim's childhood pets are listed in a previous chapter.

Jim and Nancy's first pet was a Siamese cat, named Sadie, which they purchased in 1969. Next, after Emily was born, they purchased a black and brown miniature dachshund, named Schulz. In the summer before Emily began her first grade in school, the family was given a Calico kitten which was named Rascal. One Easter Sunday, Emily received a white rabbit, which she named Thumper. Thumper lived for several years in family's back yard, which was fenced in by a chain link fence. In the summer of 1988, Emily was given, by their neighbors, Kevin and Julie Britt, a two year old black and white miniature Pekingese dog named Prissie Sue.

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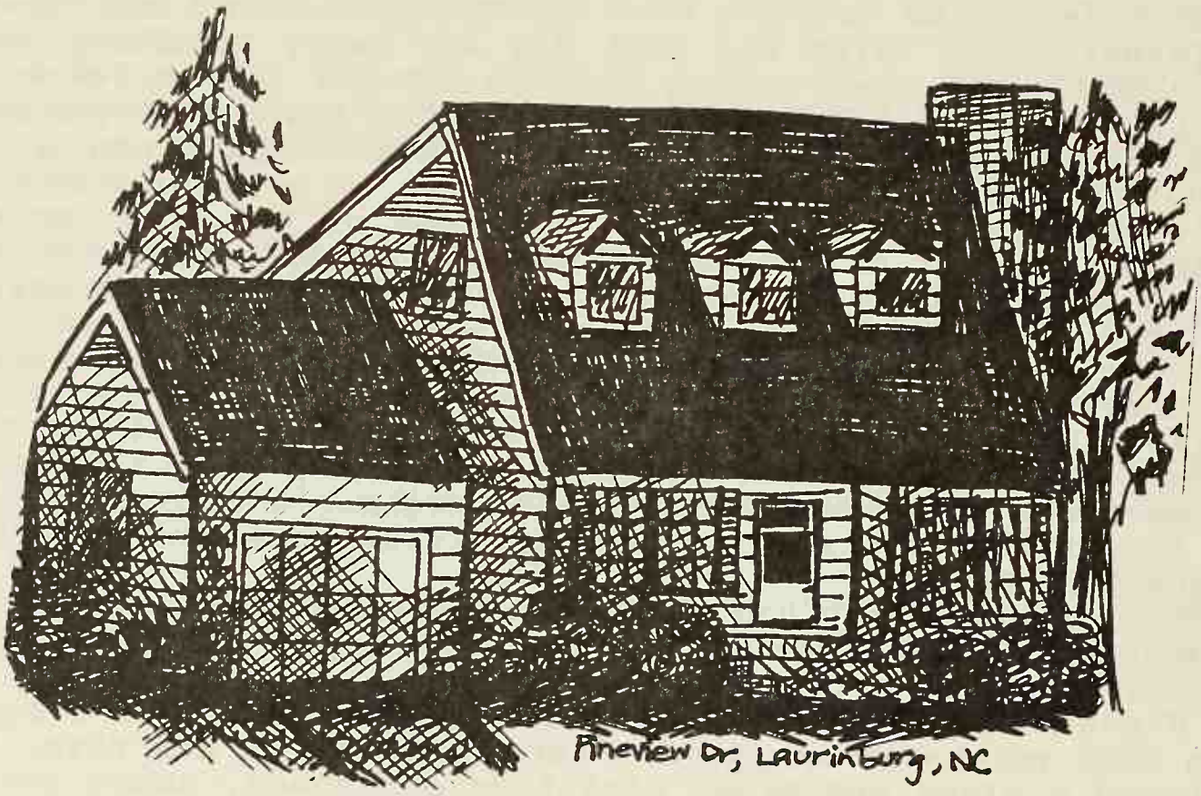
1. "Project Ahead New Enrollment Program," The Laurinburg Exchange, 20 August 1975, page 11.

Jim and Nancy had always enjoyed going to the North Carolina beaches for recreation after moving to Laurinburg. They usually rented a house at least once each summer. In February, 1981, they purchased a lot and a mobile home at Hurricane Haven, on the Intercostal Waterway, at Holden Beach, North Carolina. This vacation property was much enjoyed by the **STEPHENS** family and by Emily's friends over the years.

A biography of Jim appears in the 1984-85 edition of Who's Who in Frontier Science and Technology.[1]

EMILY RUTH STEPHENS

The next chapter of this book will supply information concerning, Emily, the only child of Jim and Nancy **STEPHENS.**



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Section 2.
Miscellaneous Documents

THE LAURINBURG EXCHANGE
Laurinburg, North Carolina
26 November 1982

Nancy Stephens Is Scotland County Teacher Of The Year

Scotland High School science teacher Nancy **STEPHENS** has been selected as Scotland County's Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. **STEPHENS** was selected from 10 Teacher of the Year nominees from Scotland County's public schools. She was eligible for the countywide honor after being voted teacher of the year at Scotland High School by other teachers there.

She was one of three finalists interviewed by the Scotland County Teacher of the Year selection committee Wednesday afternoon and was informed of her selection that night.

"I am very honored," she said moments after receiving the news. "I am very proud and appreciative of my colleagues' confidence in me. I will try to represent the county to the best of my ability."

Mrs. **STEPHENS** is the wife of Dr. James F. **STEPHENS**, associate dean of academics at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. Their daughter, Emily, is a fifth-grader at Washington Park Middle School.

Mrs. **STEPHENS** has been a teacher at Scotland High School for 13 years. She teaches biology and physics.

She graduated with a B.S. degree in chemistry from Emory and Henry College in 1965 and received a masters in chemistry from the University of Tennessee in 1967.

While working as a research chemist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, she developed a method for labeling sand with radioactive gold and currently holds a patent on the process.

She entered the teaching profession, in her words "through the back door." After moving to Laurinburg with her husband, she taught for a year at McColl High School. She spent summers becoming properly certified and began teaching at Scotland High in 1970.

In a statement of her philosophy, Mrs. **STEPHENS** said, "It is my belief that a person cannot live intelligently in our society without at least a layman's understanding of science and its impact. My main goal is to help my students to develop scientific attitudes and questioning, observing, open-mindedness and suspending judgment. I try to accomplish this my motivating, inspiring, cajoling, challenging and even forcing students to do things in such a way that they can learn."

Teacher of the year selections at 11 of Scotland County's 14 public schools were: Penny Myers Craner,

Carver Middle; Winniford "Tink" Ward, I. Ellis Johnson Middle; Brenda Blount, East Laurinburg Primary; Betty Jean Horne Thomas, Central Primary; Nancy Wilcox, Children's Center; Phyllis Dunn Leviner, South Scotland Primary; Juanita Perkins, Laura Hill Primary; Myrtle Ware, Covington Street Primary; Dorothy Cathcart, North Laurinburg; Suma K. Brooks, Shaw Middle; and Mrs. **STEPHENS**.

Washington Park Middle, Pate-Gardner Primary and Wagram Primary did not select teachers of the year.

(Note: Nancy teaches chemistry and physics, not biology as stated in the article. A picture of Nancy was also included with the article.)

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THE LAURINBURG EXCHANGE
Laurinburg, North Carolina
22 June 1970
Pages 1 & 5

RESEARCH SUPPORTED BY GRANT

Dr. James F. **STEPHENS**, assistant professor of chemistry at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, has received a $3366 Frederick Cottrell grant in aid from the Research Corporation. The grant will support a research program that Dr. **STEPHENS** now has underway at the Laurinburg campus.

The program is entitled "Determination of Hydration Numbers in Aqueous Solution by Means of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance." The program will be conducted in St. Andrews' new muti-million dollar Science Center with the use (of) the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer. St. Andrews is one of a very few undergraduate schools in the nation to have such a piece of equipment for students to use.

Two undergraduate students will assist Dr. **STEPHENS** in his study. One student has been named and is assisting Dr. **STEPHENS** now. He is Walter Lee Wright, a senior from Raleigh.

The grant will be used to support these two students this summer in addition to providing the necessary materials for the study.

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THE PARKERSBURG NEWS
Parkersburg, West Virginia
1974

COLLEGE NAMES DR. STEPHENS AS REGISTRAR

Dr. James F. **STEPHENS**, Parkersburg native and now assistant professor of chemistry at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, will become registrar of the college on June 1. His appointment was announced by Dean Victor C. Arnold.

Dr. **STEPHENS**, who joined the St. Andrews faculty in 1969, will continue to teach advanced courses in the chemistry program at the Laurinburg, N.C. college where some 700 men and women are enrolled. As registrar he will be responsible for registration and student records, degree requirement information and counseling, and student information data.

A graduate of West Virginia University, **STEPHENS** earned his master's at Marshall University and his Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee. His special interests are nuclear magnetic resonance and hydration numbers. St. Andrews is located at Laurinburg, NC.

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THE LAURINBURG EXCHANGE
Laurinburg, North Carolina
1977

ASSOCIATE DEAN NAMED AT COLLEGE

Dr. James F. **STEPHENS**, registrar at St. Andrews Presbyterian College since 1974, has been appointed associate dean for academic affairs, it is announced today by President A. P. Perkinson, Jr.

"Dr. **STEPHENS** will continue as registrar," says President Perkinson, "but will also move to give greater support to Dean Ronald Crossley in the administration of the academic program.

A chemist by training, Dr. **STEPHENS** came to St. Andrews in 1969 upon completion of his doctorate at the University of Tennessee. He is a native of Parkersburg, W.Va., is a graduate of West Virginia University and earned his master's degree at Marshall University.

As an assistant professor of chemistry, Dr. **STEPHENS** continues to teach a little bit, his special fields of interest being nuclear magnetic resonance and hydration numbers.

An associate dean, Dr. **STEPHENS** will give particular attention to the students and their academic programs.

(Note: A photograph of Dr. **STEPHENS** is included with each of the above articles.)

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Section 3.

FAMILY GROUP SHEET
JAMES FRANCIS STEPHENS AND FAMILY

HUSBAND: 2. **James Francis STEPHENS**, Ph.D.
B: 02 Aug 1939 @ Walker,Wood Co,WV
M: 06 Jul 1967 @ Knoxville,Knox Co,TN
Living @ 12500 Pineview Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352
FATHER: 4. **Cecil Francis STEPHENS**
MOTHER: 5. **Dora Lee JENKINS**

WIFE: 3. **Nancy Ruth HARMAN**
B: 23 Nov 1943 @ Richlands,Tazewell Co,VA
Living @ 12500 Pineview Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352
FATHER: 6. **Samuel Garnet HARMAN**
MOTHER: 7. **Ruth Evangeline HALE**

CHILDREN

1 F 2(1)1 **Emily Ruth STEPHENS**
B: 18 Sep 1972 @ Laurinburg,Scotland Co,NC
Single
Living @ 12500 Pineview Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352

Section 4.

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS FOR MATERNAL LINES

HUSBAND: 6. **Samuel Garnet HARMAN**
B: 05 Mar 1916 @ Honaker, VA
M: 06 Nov 1941 @ Kingsport, Sullivan Co., TN
D: 4 Feb 1985 @ Durham, NC
FATHER: 12. **Grover Cleveland HARMAN**
MOTHER: 13. **Lula Mae ROBINSON**

WIFE: 7. **Ruth Evangeline HALE**
B: 04 Jan 1919 @ Honaker, Russell, Co.,VA
Living @ Norton,VA
FATHER: 14. **Samuel Earl HALE**
MOTHER: 15. **Lucy Jane BARRETT**

CHILDREN

1 M Ned Colin HARMAN
B: 04 Oct 1942 @ Richlands,Tazewell Co,VA
M: Jun 1962 to Linda GIBSON @ Lebanon,Russell Co,VA
(Divorced)
RM: to Ann NELSON @ VA
Living @ VA

2 F 6(2)3 **Nancy Ruth HARMAN**
B: 23 Nov 1943 @ Richlands,Tazewell Co,VA
M: 06 Jul 1967 to 2. **James Francis STEPHENS**, Ph.D.
@ Knoxville,Knox Co,TN
Living @ 12500 Pineview Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352

HUSBAND: 12. **Grover Cleveland HARMAN**
B: 17 Oct 1888 @ Amonate,Tazewell Co.,VA
M: 01 Dec 1913 @ Bristol,Sullivan Co,TN
D: 14 Mar 1960 @ Honaker,Russell Co.,VA
FATHER: 24. **Daniel Boone HARMAN**
MOTHER: 25. **Mary L. ALLEY**

WIFE: 13. **Lula Mae ROBINSON**
B: 08 Feb 1894 @ Elk Garden, Russell Co.,VA
D: 22 Jan 1980 @ Newport News, VA
FATHER: 26. **Samuel Fullen (Squire) ROBINSON**
MOTHER: 27. **Georgia Alice McNEW**

CHILDREN

1 M Carl Daniel HARMAN
B: 29 Sep 1914 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA
Single
D: 07 Feb 1944 @ Utah

2 M 12(2)6 **Samuel Garnet HARMAN**
B: 05 Mar 1916 @ Honaker, VA
M: 06 Nov 1941 to 7. **Ruth Evangeline HALE**
@ Kingsport, Sullivan Co., TN
D: 4 Feb 1985 @ Durham, NC

3 F Clatie Ellen HARMAN
B: 10 Feb 1918 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA
M: 20 Mar 1936 to John Carbaugh HURT (Widowed)
Living @ Columbus,OH

4 M Grover Cletus (Pete) HARMAN
B: 15 Dec 1919 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA
M: to Ruby St. CLAIR @ Newport News,VA
D: 22 May 1978 @ Newport News,VA

5 F Roberta Mae HARMAN
B: 30 Oct 1921 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA
Single
D: 14 May 1935 @ Honaker,Russell Co, VA

6 F Callie (Cad) Frances HARMAN
B: 25 Jun 1924 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA
M: 28 Aug 1973 to James MOSER @ Lebanon,Russell Co,VA
(Widowed)
Living @ Lebanon,Russell Co,VA

7 F Myrtle Virginia HARMAN
B: 22 Oct 1926 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA
M: Nov 1949 to Ralph SNEAD @ Elk Garden,Russell Co,VA
Living @ Lebanon,Russell Co,VA

HUSBAND: 24. **Daniel Boone HARMAN**
B: 15 Sep 1845 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 09 Dec 1868 @ Tazewell Co,VA
D: 21 Sep 1916 @ Bluefield,Mercer Co,WV
FATHER: 48. **Elias Vance HARMAN**, Capt.
MOTHER: 49. **Sarah (Sally) McGUIRE**

WIFE: 25. **Mary L. ALLEY**
B: 1849 @ Tazewell Co,VA
D: 06 Jul 1938 @ Honaker, Russell Co,VA
FATHER: 50. **William Asa ALLEY**
MOTHER: 51. **Angeline HEDRICK**

CHILDREN

1 M 24(6)12 **Grover Cleveland HARMAN**
B: 17 Oct 1888 @ Amonate,Tazewell Co.,VA
M: 01 Dec 1913 to 13. **Lula Mae ROBINSON**
@ Bristol,Sullivan Co,TN
D: 14 Mar 1960 @ HONAKER,RUSSELL CO.,VA

2 M Andrew Jackson HARMAN
B: 27 Mar 1880 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 10 Apr 1901 to Mary Jane SPARKS @ Tazewell Co,VA
D: 12 Feb 1962 @ Richlands,Tazewell Co,VA

3 M William Doak HARMAN
B: 11 Nov 1885 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 1906 to Maggie TAYLOR
D: 20 Feb 1966 @ Lebanon,Russell Co,VA

4 M Elias Boyd (Floyd) HARMAN
B: 12 Nov 1882 @ Tazewell Co,VA
Single
D: 02 Sep 1894 @ Tazewell Co,VA

5 F Jennie Belle HARMAN
B: 01 Oct 1869 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 11 Mar 1889 to Thomas L. WATSON @ Tazewell Co,WV
D: @ Ohio

6 F Sarah (Sally) L. HARMAN
B: 30 Nov 1874 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 18 Jul 1898 to Kyle COOPER @ Tazewell Co,VA
D: @ Portsmouth,OH

7 F Nickatie F. HARMAN
B: 08 Feb 1872 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 15 Feb 1898 to Luther J. McCANN @ Tazewell Co,WV
D: @ Welston,OH

8 F Eliza J. (Lydia) HARMAN
B: 22 Mar 1891 @ Tazewell Co,VA
Single
D: 20 May 1934 @ Russell Co,VA

9 F Alice HARMAN
B: 14 May 1895 @ Tazewell Co,VA
Single
D: 19 Sep 1905 @ Russell Co,VA

HUSBAND: 48. **Elias Vance HARMAN**, Capt.
B: 12 Jan 1819 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 17 Aug 1841 @ Tazewell Co,VA
D: 18 Nov 1877 @ Tazewell Co,VA
FATHER: 96. **Mathias HARMAN**, Jr.
MOTHER: 97. **Nancy VANCE**

WIFE: 49. **Sarah (Sally) McGUIRE**
B: 1826 @ VA
D: after 1880 @ Tazewell Co,VA ??
FATHER: 98. **Andrew (Andy) McGUIRE**
MOTHER: 99. **Annabelle (Anna) BEAVERS**

CHILDREN

1 M Andrew Jackson HARMAN
B: 21 Aug 1842 @ Tazewell Co,VA
D: 19 Jun 1863 @ Bunker Hill,VA

2 M 48(2)24 **Daniel Boone HARMAN**
B: 15 Sep 1845 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 09 Dec 1868 to 25. **Mary L. ALLEY** @ Tazewell Co,VA
D: 21 Sep 1916 @ Bluefield,Mercer Co,WV

3 F Anna Elizabeth HARMAN
B: 31 Dec 1848 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 04 Sep 1873 to William HARRISON

4 F Laura Matilda HARMAN
B: 11 Jan 1851 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 10 Dec 1868 to Samuel H. LAMBERT @ Tazewell Co,VA

5 F Nancy Surilda HARMAN
B: 17 Feb 1854 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 10 Oct 1872 to Thomas Gillespie CROCKETT @ Tazewell Co,VA
D: 22 Sep 1919 @ Tazewell Co,VA

6 F Rachel Malona HARMAN
B: 08 May 1856 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 13 Apr 1876 to Francis Marion SHRADER @ Tazewell Co,VA

7 M William James (Doak) HARMAN
B: 01 May 1859 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 05 Apr 1877 to Naoma SHRADER (Widowed)
RM: 1887 to Nellie IRETON

8 M Adam HARMAN
B: 09 Mar 1862 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 15 Jan 1880 to Ellen BANDY @ Tazewell Co,VA

9 F Martha Jane HARMAN
B: ca 1864 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 07 Feb 1883 to Sam F. ALLISON @ Tazewell Co,VA

HUSBAND: 96. **Mathias HARMAN**, Jr.
B: 15 Jan 1775 @ VA
M: 16 Aug 1817 @ Tazewell Co,VA
D: 14 Feb 1850 @ Tazewell Co,VA
FATHER: 192. **Mathias (Ticy) HARMAN**, Sr.
MOTHER: 193. **Lydia SKAGGS**

WIFE: 97. **Nancy VANCE**
B: 1793/98 @ Russell Co,VA
D: after 1870 @ Tazewell Co,VA
FATHER: 194. **Abner VANCE**
MOTHER: 195. **Susannah HOWARD**

CHILDREN

1 M 96(1)48 **Elias Vance HARMAN**, Capt.
B: 12 Jan 1819 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 17 Aug 1841 to 49. **Sarah (Sally) McGUIRE** @ Tazewell Co,VA
D: 18 Nov 1877 @ Tazewell Co,VA

2 M Daniel Howard HARMAN
B: 03 Sep 1821 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 19 Sep 1844 to Susan HATCH @ Tazewell Co,VA (Widowed)
RM: after 1889 to Margaret BEAVERS
D: 20 Jul 1908

3 M William Bays HARMAN
B: 24 Jul 1826 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 21 Jul 1846 to Rinda HATCH @ Tazewell Co,VA

4 M Mathias Skaggs HARMAN
B: 18 Jul 1836 @ Tazewell Co,VA
M: 11 Nov 1855 to Charlotte VANCE @ Tazewell Co,VA
D: aft 1910

HUSBAND: 192. **Mathias (Ticy) HARMAN, Sr.**
B: 1736 @ Strasburg,VA
M: by 1774 (Widowed)
D: 02 Apr 1832 @ Dry Fork,Tazewell Co,VA
FATHER: 384. **Heinrich Adam HARMAN (HERMANN)**
MOTHER: 385. **Louisa Katrina**

WIFE: 193. **Lydia SKAGGS**
B: @ VA ?
D: 02 Oct 1814 @ Dry Fork,Tazewell Co,VA
FATHER: 386. **James SKAGGS, Sr.**
MOTHER: 387. **Rachel**

CHILDREN

1 F Catherine (Katie) HARMAN
B: 1774 @ "On the Clinch",VA
M: to Robert (Robin) BEAVERS
D: 04 Apr 1855 @ Tazewell Co,VA (Lane Branch)

2 M 192(2)96 **Mathias HARMAN, Jr.**
B: 15 Jan 1775 @ VA
M: 16 Aug 1817 to 97. **Nancy VANCE** @ Tazewell Co,VA
D: 14 Feb 1850 @ Tazewell Co,VA

3 F Pheby HARMAN
B: ca 1798 @ VA
M: 09 Feb 1819 to Moses BEAVERS @ Tazewell Co,VA

4 M Adam HARMAN
B: @ VA
M: 05 Apr 1812 to Levicey (Lavisa?) HARMAN @ Tazewell Co,VA

5 M Henry HARMAN
B: @ NC
M: 1798 to Sarah MITCHELL @ Washington Co,VA

6 F Rebecca HARMAN
B: @ VA
Single

7 F Louisa HARMAN
B: @ VA
M: to Thomas CHRISTIAN @ Tazewell Co,VA ?
D: 1815/29 @ Tazewell Co,VA

HUSBAND: 384. **Heinrich Adam HARMAN (HERMANN)**
B: ca 1700 @ Prussia,Germany
M: 08 Oct 1723 @ Germany
D: Jan 1767 @ New River (now Giles Co),VA

WIFE: 385. **Louisa Katrina**
B: @ Germany
D: 18 Mar 1749 @ New River (now Giles Co),VA

CHILDREN

1 M Adam HARMAN Jr.
B: 1724 @ Germany
M: to Barbara @ NC
D: 1791 @ Rowan Co,NC

2 M Henry (Old Skygusta) HARMAN Sr.
B: 1726 @ Isle of Mann
M: 1759 to Anna Nancy WILBURN @ Rowan Co,NC
D: 1822 @ "Holly Brook", Bland Co,VA

3 M George HARMAN
B: 1727
D: Jul 1749

4 M Daniel HARMAN Sr.
B: 1729 @ PA
M: 21 Apr 1764 to Nancy Anna BUGHSEN @ Rowan Co,NC
D: 1820 @ Tazewell Co,VA (head of Clinch River)

5 F Philipina HARMAN
B: ca 1742
Single
D: 14 Nov 1751 @ VA

6 M 384(6)192 **Mathias (Ticy) HARMAN**, Sr.
B: 1736 @ Strasburg,VA
M: by 1774 to 193. **Lydia SKAGGS** (Widowed)
D: 02 Apr 1832 @ Dry Fork,Tazewell Co,VA

7 F Cristina HARMAN
B: ca 1738 @ VA
M: to Jeremiah PATE Sr.

8 F Catherine HARMAN
B: ca 1740 @ VA
M: to Ulrich RICHARDS

9 M Valentine HARMAN
B: @ VA
D: aft 1776

10 M Jacob HARMAN
B: ca 1746
D: aft 1771

11 F -?- HARMAN
M: to Mr. LOONEY

HUSBAND: 14. **Samuel Earl HALE**
B: 19 Mar 1879 @ Russell Co., VA
M: 26 Sep 1899 @ Bristol,Sullivan Co,TN
D: 06 May 1958 @ So. Williamson, Pike Co.,KY
FATHER: 28. **John Thomas HALE**
MOTHER: 29. **Martha J. COMPTON**

WIFE: 15. **Lucy Jane BARRETT**
B: 31 Mar 1879 @ Russell Co.,VA
D: 26 Jul 1960 @ Richlands, Russell Co.,VA
FATHER: 30. **John (Ned) Crisman BARRETT**
MOTHER: 31. **Nancy Catherine TAYLOR**

CHILDREN

1 M Rader Farley HALE
B: 19 Jul 1900 @ Swords Creek,Russell Co,VA
M: 11 Aug 1923 to Bonanza (Bo) HATFIELD
@ Pikeville,Pike Co,KY
D: 07 Sep 1985 @ Willimson,WV

2 M Joe Harvey HALE
B: 07 Feb 1902 @ Russell Co,VA
M: to Margaret BARTEE
D: 14 Dec 1973 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA

3 F Mary Katherine HALE
B: 27 Dec 1903 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA
M: to Arthur (Jack) JACKSON (Widowed)
Living @ Columbus,OH

4 M Charles Barrett HALE
B: 29 Mar 1906 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA
M: to Osa LOWE
D: 23 Sep 1958 @ Stone,KT

5 F Claudine Beatrice HALE
B: 16 Apr 1908 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA
M: ca 1950 to Edgar (Ted) BALL
D: 04 Dec 1982 @ Norton, VA

6 M John Ben HALE
B: 15 May 1915 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA
M: to Evelyn CREASY
D: 07 Nov 1977 @ Stone,KT

7 F Nannie Lee HALE
B: 27 Sep 1913 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA
M: 24 Aug 1933 to Freeman BALL (Widowed)
D: 18 Feb 1991 @ Kingsport,Sullivan Co,TN

8 M Leo Venard HALE
B: 04 Apr 1916 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA
M: 21 Jul 1941 to Berta Mae ALCOX
D: 1975 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA

9 F 14(9)7 **Ruth Evangeline HALE**
B: 04 Jan 1919 @ Honaker, Russell Co.,VA
M: 6 Nov 1941 to 8. **Samuel Garnet HARMAN**
@ Kingsport,Sullivan Co., TN (Widowed)
Living @ Norton,VA

10 F Audrey Lucille HALE
B: 25 Sep 1921 @ Honaker,Russell Co,VA
M: to Harry WHITEHURST Ph.D.
Living @ Tempe,Arizona

HUSBAND: 28. **John Thomas HALE**
B: 05 Jan 1842 @ Russell Co,VA
M: 06 Jun 1865 @ Pikeville,Pike Co,KY
D: 10 Jun 1908 @ Gardner,Russell Co,VA
FATHER: 56. **Jonathan S. HALE**
MOTHER: 57. **Mary (Polly) COCKRAN**

WIFE: 29. **Martha J. COMPTON**
B: 29 Jan 1842 @ Russell Co,VA
D: 06 Jul 1922 @ Swords Creek,Russell Co,VA
FATHER: unknown
MOTHER: 59. **Priscilla (Prissa) COMPTON**

CHILDREN

1 M 28(5)14 **Samuel Earl HALE**
B: 19 Mar 1879 @ Russell Co.,VA
M: 26 Sep 1899 to 15. **Lucy Jane BARRETT** @ Bristol, TN
D: 06 May 1958 @ So. Williamson, Pike Co., KY

2 M Stuart Frazier HALE
B: 24 Jan 1865 @ RUSSELL CO,VA
M: 05 Aug 1894 to Nannie B. LESTER @ Russell Co,VA (Widowed)
RM: 18 Dec 1902 to Minnie Lou HUBBARD @ Russell Co,VA
D: 18 Oct 1944 @ Gardner,Russell Co,VA

3 M Thomas Preston HALE
B: Apr 1868 @ Russell Co,VA
M: 18 Sep 1893 to Nellie R. DAVIS @ Russell Co,VA (Widowed)
D: 01 Sep 1932 @ Williamson,WV

4 F Mary Wiggie HALE
B: 10 Apr 1882 @ Russell Co,VA
M: 20 Jun 1899 to Elbert W. BARRETT @ Russell Co,VA
D: 11 Feb 1900 @ Russell Co,VA

5 M Robert Franklin HALE
B: 12 May 1873 @ Russell Co,VA
M: 21 Nov 1895 to Ida Belle BREEDLOVE @ Russell Co,VA
D: 09 Oct 1941 @ Swords Creek,Russell Co,VA

6 M Tolbert Ritze HALE
B: 23 Oct 1870 @ Russell Co,VA
M: 25 Mar 1891 to Minnie Jane HERNDON @ Russell Co,VA
(Widowed)
D: 27 Jun 1956 @ Richlands,Tazewell Co,VA

7 F Mary Nineveh HALE
B: 01 Sep 1881 @ Russell Co,VA
Single
D: 25 Jan 1895 @ Russell Co,VA

HUSBAND: 56. **Jonathan S. HALE**
B: 28 May 1805 @ Franklin Co,VA
M: 07 Feb 1825 @ Franklin Co,VA
D: 19 Jan 1883 @ Russell Co,VA
FATHER: 112. **Thomas HALE**
MOTHER: 113. **Rachel SHERIDAN**

WIFE: 57. **Mary (Polly) COCKRAN**
B: 02 Mar 1807 @ Franklin Co,VA
D: 04 Nov 1890 @ Russell Co,VA
FATHER: 114. **Isham COCKRAM**
MOTHER: 115. **Sarah RAKES**

CHILDREN

1 F Ruth HALE
B: 1826 @ Franklin Co,VA
M: 06 Jun 1858 to Marvil COCKRAM @ Russell Co,VA

2 F Temperance HALE
B: 09 Nov 1827 @ Patrick Co,VA
M: ca 1846 to Valentine C. MILLER (Widowed)
D: 08 May 1904 @ Wash. Co,VA ??

3 M Sparrell H. HALE
B: 1832 @ Franklin Co.,VA
M: 11 Jan 1855 to Martha Jane FLETCHER @ Russell Co., VA

4 F Elizabeth J. HALE
B: 1839 @ Russell Co,VA
M: 13 Jan 1868 to Jessee JONES @ Russell Co,VA

5 M 56(5)28 **John Thomas HALE**
B: 05 Jan 1842 @ Russell Co,VA
M: 06 Jun 1865 to 29. **Martha J. COMPTON**
@ Pikeville,Pike Co., KY
D: 10 Jun 1908 @ Gardner,Russell Co,VA

6 M George W. HALE
B: Mar 1844 @ Russell Co,VA
M: 05 Apr 1865 to Martha A. RICKMAN @ Russell Co,VA

7 F Mary A. HALE
B: 1846 @ Russell Co,VA
D: by 1883 ?

8 F Martha HALE
B: 1848 @ Russell Co,VA
D: by 1883 ?

9 M James C. HALE
B: 1850 @ Russell Co,VA
M: to name unknown
D: by 1883 ?

HUSBAND: 112. **Thomas HALE**
B: 1753/59 @ VA
M: ca 1804
D: 1838/42 @ Franklin Co,VA ??
FATHER: 224. **Benjamin HALE**

WIFE: 113. **Rachel SHERIDAN**
D: @ Franklin Co,VA ??

CHILDREN

1 M 112(1)56 **Jonathan S. HALE**
B: 28 May 1805 @ Franklin Co,VA
M: 07 Feb 1825 to 57. **Mary (Polly) COCKRAN** @ Franklin Co,VA
D: 19 Jan 1883 @ Russell Co,VA

2 F Ruth HALE
B: ca 1805 @ Franklin Co,VA
M: 22 Dec 1819 to Isaac GRIFFITH @ Franklin Co,VA
D: by 1850 @ Russell Co,VA

3 F Elizabeth HALE
B: @ Franklin Co,VA
M: 05 Mar 1835 to Samuel MANNING @ Franklin Co,VA

↑ Emily Ruth Stephens
ca. 1983

Emily Ruth Stephens
and her great-grandfather,
Marvin Francis Stephens (1889-1978)
July 1976 ↑

Emily Ruth Stephens
1974 ↑

Nancy (Harman) Stephens, Sam Harman,
Ruth (Hale) Harman, Emily R. Stephens
November 1972 ↑

↑ Emily Ruth Stephens
1989

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EMILY RUTH STEPHENS
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Emily Ruth STEPHENS

FATHER: James Francis STEPHENS, Ph.D.
MOTHER: Nancy Ruth HARMAN
BORN: 18 September 1972
  AT: Laurinburg, Scotland Co, NC
MARITAL STATUS: Single
LIVING AT: 12500 Pineview Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 0
OCCUPATION: Student

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CHAPTER VIII. EMILY RUTH STEPHENS

SECTION 1.

1. Emily Ruth STEPHENS (1972-)

Emily Ruth **STEPHENS** was born[1] at 2:03 p.m., on Monday, 18 September 1972, in the Scotland Memorial Hospital, Laurinburg, NC. At birth, Emily was twenty inches long and weighed seven pounds, two ounces. The attending physician was Dr. Ben Tatum. Emily is the daughter of 2. James Francis **STEPHENS**, and 3. Nancy Ruth Harman.

Emily's grandmother, Ruth Harman, carried her home from the hospital and stayed with the family for two weeks to help take care of Emily. Ruth Harman took her first airplane ride when she flew from Johnson City, TN into the Fayetteville, NC Airport the day after Emily was born.

When Emily was about five months old, her mother, Nancy, resumed her teaching position at Scotland High School. Mrs. Lillie Bell Wright was hired to take care of Emily in the **STEPHENS** home. Lillie took care of Emily for almost six years, staying with her until Emily began the first grade.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Emily began her formal education by attending kindergarten at the Trinity Presbyterian Church Kindergarten program in Laurinburg. Emily's teachers were Mrs. Nancy Lea and Mrs. Connie Hunt.

Emily completed all of her public school education in Scotland County, her first four grades at South Scotland Primary School. Her teachers for the first four years, in order, were Mrs. Sarah Busko, Mrs. Lynn McDougald, Mrs. Virgil, and Mrs. Ginny Decker. When Emily was in the fourth grade, her father served as a volunteer reading assistant for Mrs. Decker. Emily's principals at South Scotland were Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Tommy Clark. Emily's father drove her to school each day and she was picked up at the end of the day by Mrs. Harling who returned her to Jean Harling's Playschool, where she was picked up by her mother later in the afternoon.

Grades five and six were completed at the Washington Park Middle School. Sycamore Lane, a new middle school, opened in the county and Emily completed her seventh and eighth grades in the new school. Emily rode a bus most of the time while in middle school.

Emily completed grades nine through twelve at Scotland High School where her mother teaches chemistry and physics. Emily, in the eleventh grade, had her mother for chemistry and was able, with a lot of hard work, to earn a grade of "A" for each six-weeks grading period.

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1. Scotland Co., NC, Birth Certificate, Book 92, Page 210.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

While in the fifth grade, Emily was a candidate for Valentine Queen.[1] While attending Sycamore Lane, Emily was inducted into The National Junior Beta Club. A major event for Emily, when she was in the sixth grade, was winning the first prize in the fifth-sixth grade category of the annual science fair, held on 15 March 1984. The next week, she competed in the county science fair, and won first place in the Junior Division.[2] Emily's project involved the rate of adsorption of various dyes in a variety of fibers. Emily created a cartoon strip for the school newspaper, called Google Eyes. Emily also served on the yearbook staff while at Sycamore Lane. An ad Emily created for a local music store, Music Master, was published in the local paper.[3] Emily was on the honor roll most of the time she was in middle school. In the seventh grade, she won the "Most Improved Girl" Physical Education Award. Emily was in the band, playing a clarinet, all the time she was in middle school and participated in several school band concerts.

Emily continued in the band during her first year at (ninth grade) Scotland High School. She participated in a Scotland High School Band Concert on 21 May 1987. Beginning with the tenth grade, Emily was on the girls' varsity tennis team, and no longer participated in the band.

She earned varsity letters in tennis during each of her last three years at the high school. The girls' tennis team was the Southeastern 4-A Conference Champion four years in a row, including each of the years Emily played.[4]

Emily was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on 29 April 1987, and into the National Honor Society on 2 November 1988. She was a Junior Marshal[5] for the 7 June 1989 Scotland High School graduation. A new academic honors program called "Top Scot Award" was started during Emily's senior year in high school and she was a member for each of the grading periods. Emily also received a Chamber of Commerce "Academic Achievement Award" each year that the awards were given.

While in High School, Emily was a member of the Anchor Club, Drafting Club, and the Art Club. She was also a member of the publications staff while in the tenth grade.

At the end of the 1988-89 academic year, on 6 June 1989, Emily was awarded a certificate of "Perfect Attendance."

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1. "Washington Park Names Royalty," The Laurinburg Exchange, February, 1983.

2. "Science Winners," The Laurinburg Exchange, April, 1984.

3. The Laurinburg Exchange, 26 March 1984, page 3.

4.(a) "Scotland High is Southeastern 4-A Conference Champs," The Laurinburg Exchange, December 1988.

(b) "Conference Champions," The Laurinburg Exchange, 20 October 1989, page 9A.

5. "Junior Marshalls," The Laurinburg Exchange, 21 April 1989, page 1B.

During Emily's junior and senior years, she attended the Junior-Senior Proms with John Alcini.

During Emily's senior year she went skiing for the first time when she went on a long weekend outing to Banner Elk, North Carolina, with her Drafting Club. She also went to the Bahamas in the Spring of 1990 on a senior trip.

AWARDS FOR ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

From a very early age, Emily had a flair for drawing and painting. She was very creative and won many awards and honors during her school years. She had a drawing in one of her high school publications, Phoenix - A Magazine of the Fine Arts.[1]

Emily won[2] third place for her tenth grade entry in the Annual Design-An-Ad Contest sponsored by The Laurinburg Exchange. She was the first place winner[3] for her eleventh grade entry in the Art Ad contest. She also had a winning ad[4] during her senior year.

Emily received Scotland County Schools Art Awards for Artistic Achievement on 23 May 1988 and on 12 May 1987. She received the Scotland County North Carolina Association of Educator's (NCAE) 1989 Outstanding Contribution Award for her entry in the Minority Affairs Arts Contest.

Along with some other seniors, Emily won[5] top honors for designing a theme poster for the "Just Say No to Drugs" campaign. Her picture also appeared in the local paper[6] showing her preparing decorations for a Scottish Celebration.

Several of Emily's art works were chosen to be framed and displayed in the Administrative Offices at Scotland High School.

The above are only examples of the many types of commendations Emily received, as a student, for her art work.

MISCELLANEOUS

From the time Emily was in the first grade until she was in high school, Emily took weekly dance lessons and participated each spring in a dance recital.

Emily attended Day Camps for several summers at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. While attending these camps, she became an excellent swimmer and earned her American Red Cross life saving card.

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1. Phoenix - A Magazine of the Fine Arts, Scotland High School, Vol. 17, 1988.

2. "Art Ad Winners," The Laurinburg Exchange, 28 March 1988.

3. "Art Ad Winners," The Laurinburg Exchange, 27 March 1989, page 12.

4."Art Ad Winners," The Laurinburg Exchange, 26 March 1990, page 11A.

5."Just Say No to Drugs," The Laurinburg Exchange, 25 May 1990, page 8B.

6."Ceileiah, A Scottish Celebration," The Laurinburg Exchange, 18 April 1990, page 1A.

During one of her summer vacations, Emily attended a Tennis Workshop sponsored by the Scotland County Parks and Recreation Department. Her picture appeared in the local paper when the paper did an article concerning the workshop.[1]

Emily's pets included a calico cat named Rascal, a white rabbit named Thumper, a dachshund named Schulz, and a black and white miniature Pekingese named Prissie Su. Emily also had for a short time a baby guinea fowl which she hatched from an egg given to her by her great-uncle, John Johnson, of Walker, WV. The egg was hatched in an incubator borrowed from Scotland High School. The guinea saw only humans after hatching and was imprinted to the extent that it would follow a person around just like a baby guinea would normally follow its mother. When Emily sang to the baby guinea, the bird closed its eyes and stretched out on the floor in such a position that it appeared to be dead. When she stopped singing, the bird would jump up and start chirping loudly.

From Middle School on, Emily's best friend has been Wendy Stone, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Richard Stone. Rev. Stone is a Methodist minister, and it was a sad time for Emily and Wendy when the Stones moved from Laurinburg to serve a church in Wendell, NC. However, the two girls have been able to get together often and have spent some vacation time together each summer.

One of the big moments in Emily's life was when she received her North Carolina Drivers' License on 19 September 1988. Her parents purchased a new, bright red, 1989 Ford Escort for her to drive.

Emily was chosen as a candidate[2] for Scotland High School's 1989 Homecoming Queen.

Emily worked for several families as a baby sitter during her high school years, and worked at the Laurinburg Winn-Dixie store during the summer after graduating from high school.

FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE

At the Senior Awards Program at Scotland High School, Emily was awarded the Senior Art Award as the outstanding art student, and received the Laurinburg Lioness Club Scholarship.[3] She was also designated as a "North Carolina Scholar."

Emily graduated from Scotland High School on 9 June 1990. She entered Queens College, Charlotte, NC, in September 1990 to major in Art and Education. Emily chose Queens after considering, and visiting, several other colleges. She is a Dean's List student at Queens.

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1. "Tennis Pro Speaks - USTA Tennis Pro Ralph Messier Spoke to Young Tennis Players July 10," The Laurinburg Exchange, 25 July 1985, page 8.

2. "Homecoming Queen Candidates," The Laurinburg Exchange, 27 October 1989, page 1.

3."Senior Awards Program," The Laurinburg Exchange, 8 June 1990, page 1A.

SECTION 2.
MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

SCOTLAND HIGH SCHOOL
1000 West Church Street
Laurinburg, North Carolina 28352

October 21, 1988

Mr. & Mrs. James **STEPHENS**
Rt. 7, Box 356
Pineview Drive
Laurinburg, NC 28352

Dear Mr. & Mrs. **STEPHENS**

Emily has been elected to membership in the Scotland High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

This national organization, founded in 1929, is sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Its purpose is to recognize and promote scholarship, citizenship, service, leadership, and character among qualifying students.

We feel that membership in the society will be meaningful to your child, and that her contribution, together with that of the other members, will be beneficial to our school and community.

You are invited to an induction ceremony to be held in the Halbert M. Jones Library on Wednesday, November 2, 1988, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening.

Yours truly,

<signature>

Malcolm F. Forde
Principal

<signature>

John O. McDonald
Sponsor

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THE LAURINBURG EXCHANGE
Laurinburg, North Carolina
Friday, September 8, 1989
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SCOTLAND HIGH TENNIS TEAM EDGES PINECREST HIGH, 5-4

After what Scotland High girls' head coach Bob Ormsby called "a lousy performance" in single's play, the Lady Scots made up for it in double's play en route to a 5-4 win over Southeastern 4-A Conference rival Pinecrest Tuesday at the Scotland Tennis Center.

Coach Ormsby's team, 3-2, lost four of its six single's matches, including the No. 4, No.5 and No. 6 positions. Cayce McCall, playing at No. 2, defeated Cindy Harman in straight sets 6-3, 6-0, while Mary James, playing at No. 3, blanked Heather Gardner 6-0, 6-0 to improve to 5-0 on the season.

Trailing 4-2 going into double's competition, the teams of McCall-James, Jennifer Pratt-Ashley Wright and Heidi Steinbrink-**Emily Stephens** all came through with wins. McCall-James won 8-2, Pratt-Wright won 8-0, and Steinbrink-**Stephens** won 8-5.

"I've been coaching tennis for seven years," said coach Ormsby, "and this is the first time our team has ever lost at four, five and six.

"Our single's play overall was very lousy. We were in all six single's match, but the Pinecrest girls just outplayed us. We went into double's play needing to win all three, and by-golly the girls did it.

"The girls played with a lot of heart. A lot of teams will quit after getting beat 4-2 in singles...but our girls didn't. Mary James and Cayce McCall played excellent singles and doubles. Jennifer Pratt and Ashley Wright also looked good in doubles.

"Heidi Steinbrink and **Emily Stephens** have really been a great surprise at No. 3 doubles...these girls are seniors and starting for the first time. They really won a big match at No. 3 doubles."

The Scotland High varsity girls' tennis team returns to action Thursday at home against Lumberton. Match time is 4 p.m.

Scotland 5, Pinecrest 4

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